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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate East and Southeast winds. One today, becoming cloudy tonight; rather milder.
Noon Observations: Barometric pressure 1023.7 mbs., 30.23 in. Temperature 60.1 deg. F. Dew point 45 deg. F. Relative humidity 57. Wind direction ESE. Wind force 6 knots.
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Sudden Death Of Tommy Handley

London, Jan. 9.—The famous British radio comedian, Tommy Handley, died at his London home today after a seizure.

Handley ranked among the first three or four of Britain's favourite radio comedians. His regular Thursday evening radio show, "It's That Man Again," was estimated to have drawn a listening audience of well over ten million.

This afternoon, the British Broadcasting Corporation was still broadcasting a recorded version of last Thursday's show before they had learned of Handley's death.

Mr Handley's age was not listed in any reference book, but was believed to be 32. He collapsed shortly before noon and died a few hours later.

ITMA BROUGHT FAME

Born in Liverpool, he started work as an apprentice on the Corn Exchange, later becoming a toy manufacturer's salesman, and toured the stage before the first World War.

He had been broadcasting since the early days of radio but his nationwide fame came with the "ITMA"—abbreviation for "It's That Man Again"—show, started in 1930 and continued with few interruptions until last Thursday.

It was described as "an experiment in noise" and was distinguished for its high spirits, great speed and non-sensical savviness.

At Savoy Hill the first home of British radio, he met Jean Olliverson, the soprano, and married her in 1929, after what was the first "microphone romance."

H.K. COMEBOLES

This morning Mr Keith Hardy, Radio Hongkong Secretary, sent the following cable to the BBC:

All staff Radio Hongkong send profoundest regrets death of Tommy Handley to family and many BBC friends.

Flying Doctors' Appeal

Brisbane Jan. 9.—The Australian Flying Doctor Service Committee has asked New South Wales wool growers to aid its funds.

The Service, which provides medical aid by air in remote areas, hopes to raise A\$240,000.—Reuter.



The Late Tommy Handley

Seaman Saves Lives Of His Five Mates

Belfast, Jan. 9.—When the storm-battered Canadian freighter, Cumberland County, reached harbour at Belfast tonight the crew told how an able seaman saved five of his companions by letting them cling to his body in the wash of giant waves across the deck.

The ship's hold was full of water and some of her plates were sprung.

At the height of a storm off Narvik, Norway, a huge wave swept Bill Dence, of Toronto, and five others to the rails. He gripped an iron rod with one hand and hung on while the five clung to his body. "If his strength had failed, all of us would have been lost," one of the men said.

The 7,176 tons freighter was bound from Narvik to Baltimore with 5,000 tons of iron. She survived merciless battering for four days in the worst storm in the crew's memory.

Members of the crew said that at times they thought the ship could not possibly keep afloat.—Reuter.

SHIP DETAINED

Ostend, Jan. 9.—The Belgian maritime police have detained the 352 ton Finnish auxiliary sailing vessel Kolvisko at Zeebrugge, after the alleged discovery aboard her of a quantity of arms, including rifles and revolvers.

The vessel, whose home port is Haama, arrived at Zeebrugge on New Year's Eve.—Reuter.

Tientsin Expected To Fall To Reds In Two Days

PEACE APPEALS IGNORED BY COMMUNISTS

Nanking, Jan. 9.—Ignoring official appeals for a separate peace, the Chinese Communist armies today moved to the outskirts of Tientsin and fought hand to hand with the Nationalist defenders of the great North China industrial city.

A radio telephone report from Tientsin to the United Press office here said there was little hope that the government forces could hold the city more than two days. The Red artillery pounded Tientsin despite broadcast appeals by the City Council for an immediate ceasefire and negotiations toward settling Tientsin's fate peacefully.

An official source, meanwhile, confirmed reports that the Foreign Minister, Wu Te-chen, had approached the Ambassadors of the United States, Britain, Russia and France on the possibility of Big Four aid in settling the civil war.

General Fu Tso-yi's Headquarters at Peiping, 87 miles northwest, announced that the government forces would fight to the finish in North China. But the report from Tientsin indicated that the troops had little support from the city's more than 2,000,000 population.

An authoritative source, who asked that his name be withheld in view of the imminent fall of Tientsin, said that the Communists had a strong enough fifth column inside the city "to deliver a coup de grace anytime they are ready."

More than 200,000 Communists were reported to be assaulting Tientsin from the north, west and south. An 18-hour curfew which had kept the inhabitants off the streets for days was virtually ignored—as thousands of persons moved their personal belongings from the vicinity.

In the meantime, sounds of heavy firing were heard in central Peiping as the Communist and Nationalist forces battled west of the city. Meal, flour and other food prices doubled in the past 24 hours and were rising hourly. Michael Keon, United Press correspondent at Peiping, reported.

REPLIES AWAITED

Nanking, Jan. 9.—The Chinese Government is awaiting replies from the British, Russian and United States, and France on the request for mediation in the civil war before making another move in pushing its proposal.

It was confirmed that the government has submitted requests for mediation to the United States, Britain, Russia and France. A memorandum was sent to him, asking Soviet mediation. Identical memos were also given to the Ambassadors of the other three nations.

PEOPLE'S PEACE PLAN

Meanwhile, a group of legislators in Nanking is organizing a movement to draw up what they call "the people's peace plan" for submission to the Kuomintang and the Communists as a basis for negotiations.

Chang Chien-hua, spokesman of the legislators, said that after the people's peace plan is drawn up they would try to charter a plane to fly to Yenan and submit the plan to Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.

Chang said his colleagues plan to call a meeting of all neutral political parties other than the Kuomintang and the Communists and also sponsor public discussion meetings for the purpose of formulating the people's peace plan.—United Press.

COMPARATIVELY QUIET

Tientsin, Jan. 10.—The Nationalists and Communists around Tientsin rested yesterday afternoon when no exploding shells were heard and street traffic resumed after a stoppage of 30 hours.

But the regrouping, reinforcing and replenishing of forces continued at an accelerated speed and residents busily dug protection shelters while those living close to the perimeter sought refuge in the heart of the city.

The Takungpao estimated that at least 600 families are homeless following the hostilities at Wang-chungchang, in the eastern district, where their houses were completely destroyed.

More than 20 shells fell inside the Pelyang University compound shattering glass and causing considerable damage to the buildings, it was revealed.

Frost And Thin Ice In The Fanling Area

The Fanling area early this morning was covered with a ground frost—the first of the winter—and in one or two places where there were pools of water, a thin film of ice had formed. But both the frost and the ice quickly vanished under the influence of the sun as the temperature rose steadily after dawn. The Royal Observatory registered 52 degrees at 7 o'clock this morning and reported that the thermometer was rising every hour.

The lowest reading of the winter was between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Sunday when 42.6 degrees were registered, and then the mercury rose nine degrees in 24 hours.

Mr M. L. Tom, reported that when he inspected his garden at 32 The Peak early Sunday morning he found a thin layer of ice in one corner of the fish pond.

BRITISH CITIZENS IN ISRAEL BEING EVACUATED, REPORT

Dramatic Middle East Developments

London, Jan. 9.—British citizens in Israel are being evacuated from Israel at the request of the British Consul General in Haifa, Mr Cyril Marriot, usually reliable sources in Haifa said. The first party was reported to have left Haifa airfield for Cyprus at noon today. According to a usually well-informed source in Haifa, Mr Marriot paid six successive visits today to an Israeli Government representative.

Eight British employees of the Consolidated Oil Refineries at Haifa left today for Cyprus on orders from the company in view of the "deterioration" in the Palestine situation.

A report swept Israel that Mr Marriot has ordered Britons to be prepared to leave but British residents in Haifa discounted this report, saying they knew of no such warning.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said that so far no instructions have been sent from London to the British Consul-General in Haifa requiring the evacuation of British personnel in Palestine.

But it would be within the discretion of Mr Marriot to order an evacuation if he considered the situation had deteriorated gravely. The spokesman said the Foreign Office had no confirmation so far of reports that an evacuation had in fact been decided upon.

This development in the rapidly changing Palestine picture came as Britain announced that troops have been sent to Aqaba, the Transjordan port on the Red sea, and Israel protested, strongly to the United Nations representative in Palestine over such a move.

TROOPS DESPATCHED

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said tonight that British troops have been sent to Aqaba, Transjordan port on the Red Sea for the specific purpose of preventing any development which might cause Britain to become involved in the Palestine conflict.

He was commenting on the Israeli protest against the despatch of British forces to Aqaba on the ground that Britain was intervening in the Palestine hostilities.

The despatch of British forces to Aqaba, at the request of the Transjordan Government, which invoked the 1948 Anglo-Transjordan Alliance, was announced officially yesterday.

The spokesman said today that British troops had been despatched to protect the territorial integrity of Transjordan and not to intervene in Palestine. The appeal from the Transjordan Government was

ISRAEL REJECTS PROTEST

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 9.—Israel today bluntly refused to accept the British Government protest against the shooting down of five Royal Air Force planes over the Palestine-Egypt frontier.

A Jewish spokesman said the British protest was sent to Tel-Aviv this afternoon by Mr Cyril Marriot, British Consul General in Haifa. However, he added, it was addressed to the "Jewish authorities" at Tel-Aviv and not to the provisional Government at Israel and therefore was returned as unacceptable.

The spokesman said also that Israel had definitely turned down a British suggestion, made two weeks ago, that a British political agent be sent to Tel-Aviv. The Jewish position, he added, was that Mr Marriot could do any work necessary.

Meanwhile, the Jews maintained firmly that their forces were justified in shooting down the five British planes. Official sources said the Jewish Government would protest sharply to the United Nations against the "flagrant" undeniable

understood to have been prompted by the alarm caused by the recent Jewish penetration into Egypt.

It was officially announced in Tel-Aviv today that Israel had made a "strong" protest to the United Nations representative in Palestine against the landing of British troops at the Transjordan port of Aqaba.

An official Israeli spokesman said the protest was contained in a letter from the Israeli Foreign Office's Director General, Dr William Eytan, to M. Henri Viger, the personal representative in Haifa of Dr Ralph Bunche, the acting Mediator.

The letter said the Israeli Government took "a grave view of the results which may flow from this unilateral intervention by Britain in the Palestine conflict."

The letter demanded that United Nations observers should be sent immediately to the Aqaba area to ensure there was no crossing of the Israeli frontier by British troops.

The Israeli spokesman said the letter was in reply to a previous communication from M. Viger assuring Israel that there were no British troops in the Aqaba area.

TREATY INVOKED

In Amman today, the Transjordan spokesman said his Government had invoked last year's Anglo-Transjordan treaty as a precautionary measure.

"Our ally, Britain," had responded by despatching British forces "in what were considered adequate numbers" to Aqaba, he added.

Asked if Transjordan would act similarly to Egypt and initiate direct armistice talks with the Jews, the Transjordan spokesman said his

net of belligerency" by Britain in sending armed British fighter planes over Jewish-held territory.

Informants said the presence of planes over the Palestine-Egypt area, taken together with the dispatch of British troops to the Transjordanian port of Aqaba, constituted a "very serious" matter.

Mr Walter Eytan, political director at the Jewish Foreign Office, told the United Nations Headquarters that the British troop movement to Aqaba was "designed to threaten the Jews rather than implement the treaty to defend Transjordan territory."

United Nations Headquarters in Haifa announced that Egypt had complained Jewish troops were still on Egyptian soil. An observers team has been sent from Gaza, the big Egyptian base in Southern Palestine, in a radio-equipped jeep to investigate.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Misconceptions Eliminated

COLONEL RIDE's address to newspapermen last week brought clarification to many obscure points connected with the reorganization of the Hong Kong Volunteers, and for that reason alone will be appreciated by those who may previously have been suffering from misconceptions about the precise role which the force is intended to play. Aside from the argument whether the new HKVDF should be wholly a local trained body—a sort of highly trained auxiliary police force—rather than a full-blown military organization, little room is now left, since Colonel Ride's exposition, to complain about the blue-print for the new defence force. Although very largely autonomous, it is essentially a unit of the important coming under the operational direction of either the GOC, C-in-C or AOC. This means that in a state of emergency the Volunteers will be an integral fighting arm of the regular forces, commanded in the field by their own properly trained officers, but specifically directed by one of the Service chiefs. This, in itself, gives the new Volunteer Defence Force a more defined status and one that is consolidated by the fact that the Volunteers' pay will be based on the pay code of the regular services, with no discrimination between races and that dependants will be guaranteed financial protection in the event of the Volunteers being called out, or through loss of life or incapacitation in the line of duty. Colonel Ride argues powerfully for the retention of racial grouping within the Defence Force, and with the promise of non-discrimination much of the previous objection to this system disappears. It is still conceivable, however, that some Chinese, for example, might prefer to join a non-Chinese section of the Force and it is presumed that it is intended the system of recruitment shall be sufficiently

Money For Now?

GOVERNMENT has announced an increase in radio licence fees from \$12 to \$20 a year. How like our officialdom to add new burdens to a community already groaning under the high cost of living, without at the same time indicating what, if any, additional service the public can expect from the higher fees. Memory tells us that a substantial percentage of listeners intimidated through Telegraph questionnaire on Radio Hongkong that they would be willing to stand higher licence fees provided the station gave them early morning transmission and generally improved programmes by the employment of qualified script and continuity writers and announcers. Government, apparently, sees fit to take this as a mandate for increasing the fees, but without giving any assurance about fulfilling listeners' conditions. There can be only one justification for obtaining eight dollars a year more for every radio receiving set in Hongkong: that is the provision of more and better entertainment from Radio Hongkong, and listeners will expect an early announcement that this is to be done. Otherwise they will have every right to feel they have been cheated by a mercenary Government.

TRUCE DISCUSSIONS

Dr Ralph Bunche, the acting United Nations Mediator for Palestine left New York today for Rhodes to assist in the Israeli-Egyptian discussions on an armistice to follow the present truce in southern Palestine.

Dr Bunche and his Chief of Staff, Brigadier General William Riley, who was travelling with him, said: "We hope our mission will be crowned with success."

Dr Bunche said: "Our most optimistic hope is to get these two parties together and get conditions for an armistice fully agreed under the Security Council resolution of November 16, which calls for a reduction and withdrawal of armed forces and the establishing of peace time conditions."

"Our biggest hope is to achieve an armistice thus paving the way for the Conciliation Commission to work out political problems such as a boundary settlement and other things. We hope to finish within a couple of days."

Dr Bunche revealed that he had ordered United Nations observers in Palestine to make the "fullest possible check" on both sides of the frontier, with Egypt into the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes.

OBSERVERS TO CHECK

Asked whether the incidents might impair the prospects of a settlement, he replied: "I hope not. Now we have in effect cease fire, there is not supposed to be any military activity on either side—and that includes the British."

Discussing the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes and the representations made by the British, he commented: "The British have filed a formal complaint but I am not in a position to discuss it as my copy is marked confidential."

"I have not received an official statement from the Israel Government on the incident as yet. I have asked observers to make the fullest possible check on both sides of the frontier."—(Continued on Page 5)

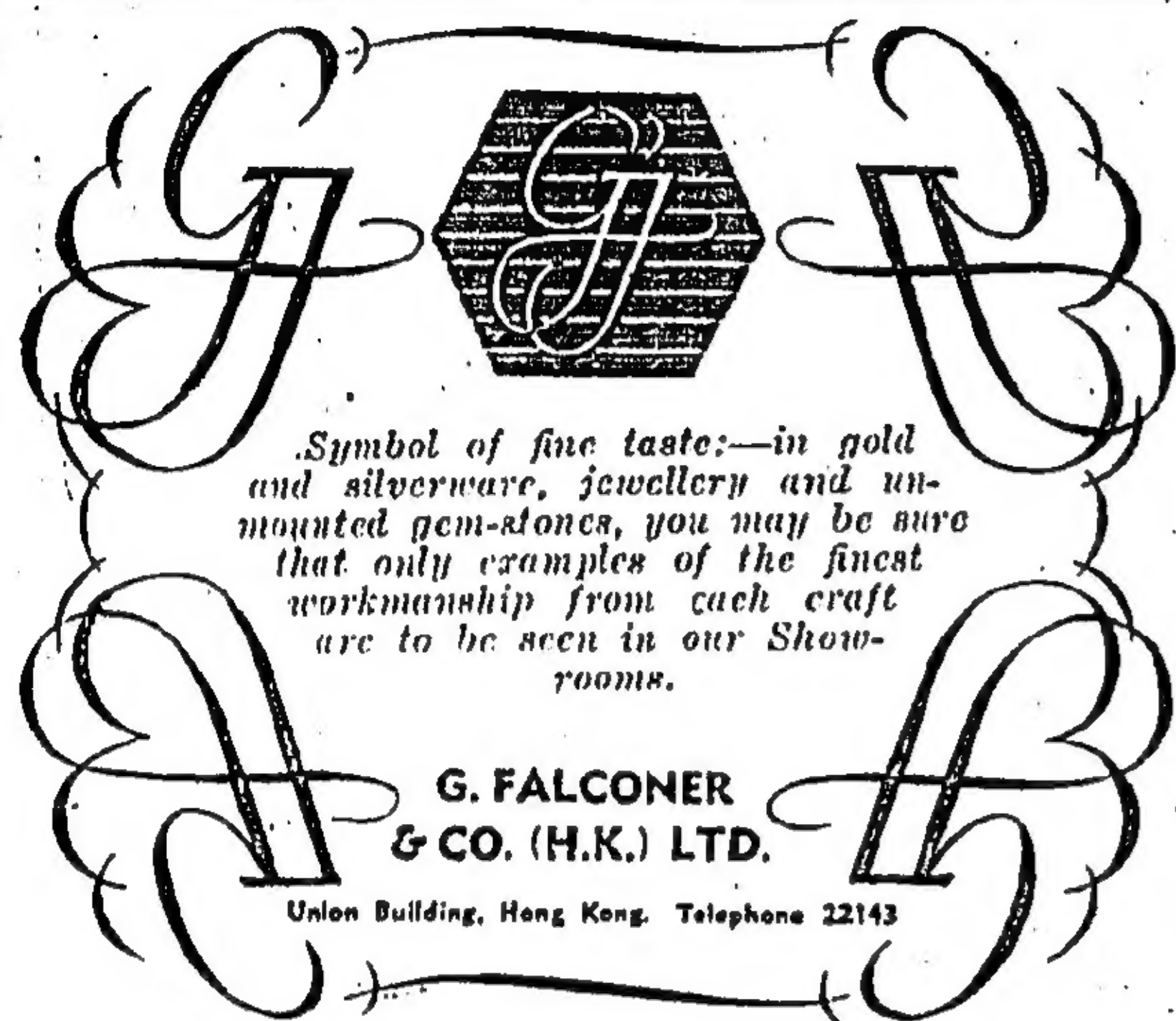
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WOMANSENSE HOSPITAL FEEDING IN BRITAIN TODAY

By WINIFRED PEGRAM

DURING recent years great strides have been made in Britain in the practice of feeding in hospitals, both of the patients and of the staff.

Formerly the responsibility for the entire establishment's catering arrangements was shared by the secretary, steward, matron and a sister housekeeper, each of whom already had a comprehensive task to contend with.

Britain's Ministry of Health and an advisory body known as the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, working in close co-operation with this Government department, have done excellent work in helping to improve the standard of diet for all sections of the hospitals including patients, medical, nursing and domestic staffs.

From September, 1939, to February, 1944, the difficult years of World War II, one of the Ministry of Health's dieticians carried out an intensive survey of hospital diets, covering hospitals in England and Wales. The collected information has been of extreme value in enabling the Ministry to advise hospital catering staffs and appoint qualified personnel to buy food and stores to the best advantage and plan meals of the highest nutritive value.

The Ministry of Health looks after the provincial hospitals, while the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, as its name implies, sends visitors in an advisory capacity to help in the hospitals of Greater London. The first step taken towards effecting improvements was the appointment of catering officers. Their responsibility is to deal with every branch of the catering arrangements, including the buying of all stocks in bulk for the preparation of menus; for the cooking and serving of meals in conjunction with the chef and kitchen staff, and for planning the dietary with the hospital dieticians.

INTERESTING DATA

A survey of some of London's largest hospitals has provided some interesting data on the way in which the catering officers, or nutrition experts are dealing with the problems of feeding everyone under their care, capitalising difficulties, rationing, and shortages of every kind, and the constant need for reference to the Ministry of Food and the local Food Office.

One fact emerges clearly from the cross-section survey, and that is with regard to the feeding plans the staff, especially the resident staff, from doctors to domestics, are conscious of the importance of the patients. Unlike the patients, the staff live in the hospital for years instead of weeks, and it is now recognised as an essential that they should be provided with appetising, well-balanced meals of required nutritional value, attractively served at suitable times, in pleasant surroundings, with enough leisure to enjoy them.

There is complete fairness with regard to the sharing of rations and of the unrationed foods, especially of the more appetising items. In short supply, for the catering officer guards the interests of the whole staff.

The main meal is served in the middle of the day for patients and nurses. When the meal includes meat, this is given to the doctors and sisters for the evening meal, in order that they may have time to eat it, since roast meat cannot be served very often. The catering officer at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, the great block that lies on the banks of the Thames, opposite the Houses of Parliament, has another reason for serving the main meal at night. Its visiting staff is very large, and for these workers no main rations are drawn; snack meals of unrationed foods are therefore provided, and they do not consume the staff's rations.

All hospitals, like domestic homes, work primarily on the basic rations, which are constant, and drawn for each in-patient and resident member of the staff.

DETAILED FORMS

Added to these basic rations, there is an allowance, comparable to that of an ordinary industrial canteen, for any meal served to members of the visiting staff. This allowance varies, and detailed forms, showing the number of hot drinks, luncheon teas and snack meals served during a rationing period, have to be filled in by the catering officers, and returned to the local Food Office.

Then there is an occasional allowance of cooking fat, which enables the chef to serve a favourite meal in Britain more frequently — fried fish and chips, enjoyed by patients and staff alike. To fill in the gaps left after the rations have been used, unrationed foods (among them fish) must be found. This has been increasingly difficult with the dearth of many of the tinned meats formerly bought from the United States.

There are, however, available from time to time, varying quantities of poultry, game and offal, such as sweetbreads, liver, hearts, ox-tails and tripe. As regards the poultry and game, hospitals have the advantage over the housewife, since the catering officer is able to buy in bulk, and at the source, many of these foods in short supply. The very small supplies of dried milk are directed to the hospitals and clinics, as well as small quantities of frozen eggs which are not available to the general public, but which are invaluable for cooking and for keeping up the necessary standard of protein foods. In St. Thomas's Hospital, tinned and dried milk is used exclusively for cooking, leaving all the fresh milk available for drinking and serving in tea. The dairy in this large establishment presents a pathetic sight now, with its sparse crates of milk bottles. Before World War II, 200 gallons of milk per day were used. Now it is fortunate if 500 gallons per week can be obtained. The cry of every catering officer and nutrition expert of dietician is, "Oh, for more eggs and milk!"

Difficult as things are however, the food provided shows imagination. At the famous hospital of St. Mary's Paddington, now known as the penicillin hospital since Sir

Alexander Fleming was instrumental in discovering penicillin there, I saw an evening meal ready prepared for patients and staff. It began with hors d'oeuvre, consisting of a number of savoury and salad dishes. There was also sliced cold meat, rolls and butter and to all the dishes the staff helped themselves, this method having been found psychologically good and economical. There was fruit course to follow the meat, consisting of a slice of canteloup melon. Fresh fruit is served whenever possible, advantage being taken of the market to buy economically.

AT ST. GEORGE'S

In the big kitchens of St. George's Hospital, which faces the gardens of Buckingham Palace, at Hyde Park Corner, London, I saw the kitchen staff busy with chickens and baskets of mushrooms, preparing chicken on casserole for the nurses and patients next day. The next time the catering officer would be able to buy chickens advantageously, it would be the turn of the sisters and doctors for this savoury dish, for there is seldom enough for everyone in the establishment on one occasion, so all good things are served in strict rotation to the different sections. Ice cream is on the menu almost every day at St. George's; some days it is available to the staff, some days to patients, and it is always given to patients with throat ailments. Sometimes it is served with chocolate sauce for extra nourishment, sometimes with black currant or other fruit puree, for making up the necessary vitamin C intake for the day. Some of the hospitals make their own cakes for tea. St. George's, cramped for space, hands its permit for fat and sugar set aside for baking, to a famous firm of caterers, who send back jam rolls, jam tarts and chocolate cakes. These are supplied to the staff for tea three times a week and one afternoon during the week-end.

WEEKLY RATIOMS

In this hospital it is the custom to give to every member of the staff, as well as to each patient, his own weekly ration of butter, margarine, sugar and preserves. The catering officer believes that individuals are the able to have the full intake of these valuable items of diet, using them as they prefer, the fats on potatoes or on fish rather than on bread, the sugar on fruit or puddings in preference to taking it in beverages, according to taste. This stage of attainment in catering is by no means the last. Every hospital aims at still higher standards of diet for all. As yet the profession of hospital dietician or nutrition expert is in its early stages but since salaries for these posts are higher than formerly, young people are being attracted to them in far larger number, and they will be welcomed by hospital committees. If the standard of fare in some London hospitals is exceptionally high it is the advent of the catering officer that has made possible the better conditions, for he or she is there to see that waste is stopped and to buy every commodity to the very best advantage and in the best markets; also to give thought and care to the planning of meals.

The ordinary housewife will appreciate what all this means, for she knows that when she buys cleverly, is imaginative in her catering and is careful to waste nothing, she can provide for her family in a manner that is far more nutritious than of the woman who gives no thought to her housekeeping.

Practical Coat Dress



By VERA WINSTON

SEPARATE capelet of nutria does a fine job of transforming a simple navy-green, double-breasted wool coat dress into a striking coat. The cut, high surplice neckline terminating in a double-breasted closing is a perfect foil for either cape or stole. The coat is fitted through the waist and has curved pockets at the hips. A muff to match completes a charming ensemble.

The Secret of Good Skin Care



To get your face really clean, use a bland soap and work up a good lather with a complexion brush.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is part of a woman's life business, and it should be her pleasure, to treasure youthfulness and good looks. Preservation and protection must be her watchwords. A complexion cannot very well take care of itself and continue to be of smooth surface, fine texture and good colouring.

The first need is to keep the skin surface scrupulously clean, the second to see that it has a daily lubrication. A little friction is called for to keep tissues firm and the underlying fibres strong. Tapping and creaming will ward off premature wrinkles. Continued faithfully, a woman should be able to give old men's Time the laugh for years and years. The older woman who remains young and blooming had an early start in the good looks campaign.

Some complexions are inclined to be temperamental, given to caprice. They may protest against soap, in which case one must use creams or one of those fragrant complexion

meals that can be found at any cosmetic counter. If the colour suddenly takes on a yellowish cast, watch your diet. Avoid rich sauces, spices, pastries, live mainly on lean meat, fish, poultry, vegetables and fruit. Take a glass of unsweetened lemonade before breakfast every morning.

It is not wise to use soap and water before going out of doors or directly after coming in. This applies to all seasons of the year; in the summer the sun will get in its burning licks, in the winter season cutting winds may come along to rumple the delicate cutaneous surface.

At bedtime remove make-up with a thin cream. Then give your face a soothing lathering with a bland soap. For this, a complexion brush is excellent. Rinse with warm water, dry gently, then on with a heavy cream. Tap and slap. Avoid rotary motions on the cheeks that push the flesh up around the eyes.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Tips on Making Good Tea

THE Americans do not seem to make tea as often or drink as much as the English people do," observed the Chef.

"I believe this is because most Americans do not know the real taste of tea," I said. "The trouble seems to be that the tea is insufficiently and incorrectly brewed."

"Madame, I do not understand. All the housekeeper has to do is warm a tea cup, put a tea ball in the cup, pour in fresh boiling water; cover with a saucer to keep in the heat; and let stand for three minutes. Then she has a good cup of tea."

"Chef, your directions are explicit and correct. But I regret to say they are not generally followed. In the first place, the tea cups are not warmed. In the second place, the water is not actually boiling. Further, the tea cups are not covered, and the tea is not steeped for three minutes. The result is a pale imitation of tea, a wispy-washy tepid beverage with no lift and little flavour. And still worse, many homemakers try to make several cups of tea from one tea bag, each time getting a more listless, tasteless drink. A tea bag contains the right amount of tea for one cup. After that it should be discarded."

"This use of the tea bag is all right for individual service, or for perhaps two people, yet a tea bag marked the Chef. "But for family service I think it is inconvenient to make the tea individually in the cup."

Use Tea-pot

"The answer to that is simple. We can make the tea in a warmed tea-pot, using one tea bag for each cup, and pouring over a good-sized cup of rapidly boiling water — for each bag that's used. We clap on the cover, stand the pot in a warm place, and let the tea steep for three minutes. Then we remove the tea bags, and have perfect tea."

"What method do you recommend in the case of loose tea?" inquired the Chef.

"First I warm the pot; then measure in one teaspoon of tea for each cup to be made. Pour in a good-sized cup of boiling, bubbling water for each teaspoon of tea, cover the pot closely and let it stand in a warm place for three minutes. It should be poured at once off the leaves into a second heated pot in which it is served."

"I see," said the Chef, "what the American family needs is a bigger and better tea pot!"

In keeping with the 20th Century Boston Tea Party, we are suggesting a New England Style menu.

Dinner

Sally Lunn
Panned Haddock Fillets
Egg and Caper Sauce
Potatoes O'Brien
Tomatoes Country Style
Caramel Rice Pudding
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

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Panned Haddock Fillets

Cut 1 1/2 lbs. haddock fillets into four portions. Brush with lemon juice; dust with salt and pepper; roll in flour and slow-fry in shortening or vegetable oil until golden brown and tender, about 8 min. Serve with egg and caper sauce.

Egg and Caper Sauce: Melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine and stir in 3 tbs. flour, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1/4 tsp. salt and gradually 1 1/2 c. hot water. Cook and stir until the sauce boils all over. Then add 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. minced parsley, 1/4 c. capers and 2 coarsely-chopped hard-boiled eggs, and bring to a boil. Serve at once. Pickle relish may be substituted for capers.

Sally Lunn

Break 2 eggs into a qt.-sized mixing bowl and beat until frothy. Add a scant 1/2 c. sugar and beat together until creamy. Next add together 2 c. flour, 1/2 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. baking powder. Add alternately to the first mixture with 1 c. milk to the first mixture with 1 c. milk or shortening. Do not beat, merely mix gently. Transfer to an oiled 7" x 11" baking utensil and bake 30 to 35 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. Cut in squares and serve warm.

Caramel Rice Pudding

In a small heavy frying pan melt 1/4 c. granulated sugar until the colour of maple syrup. Add 1/4 c. boiling water and cook until the sugar melts again. Pour this into a double boiler top. Add 3/4 c. fresh whole milk, or 1 tall tin evaporated milk and 1 tall tin water. Stir in 3 tbs. raw white rice, a scant 1/2 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. nutmeg. Cover and cook over hot water 1 1/2 hrs. Stir every 10 min. during the first half hour, or until the rice begins to get soft. Transfer to an oiled baking dish. Cook uncovered in a slow oven, 325 F., about 1 1/2 hrs. Serve warm with top cream, or ice-cream with whipped cream or any whipped topping.

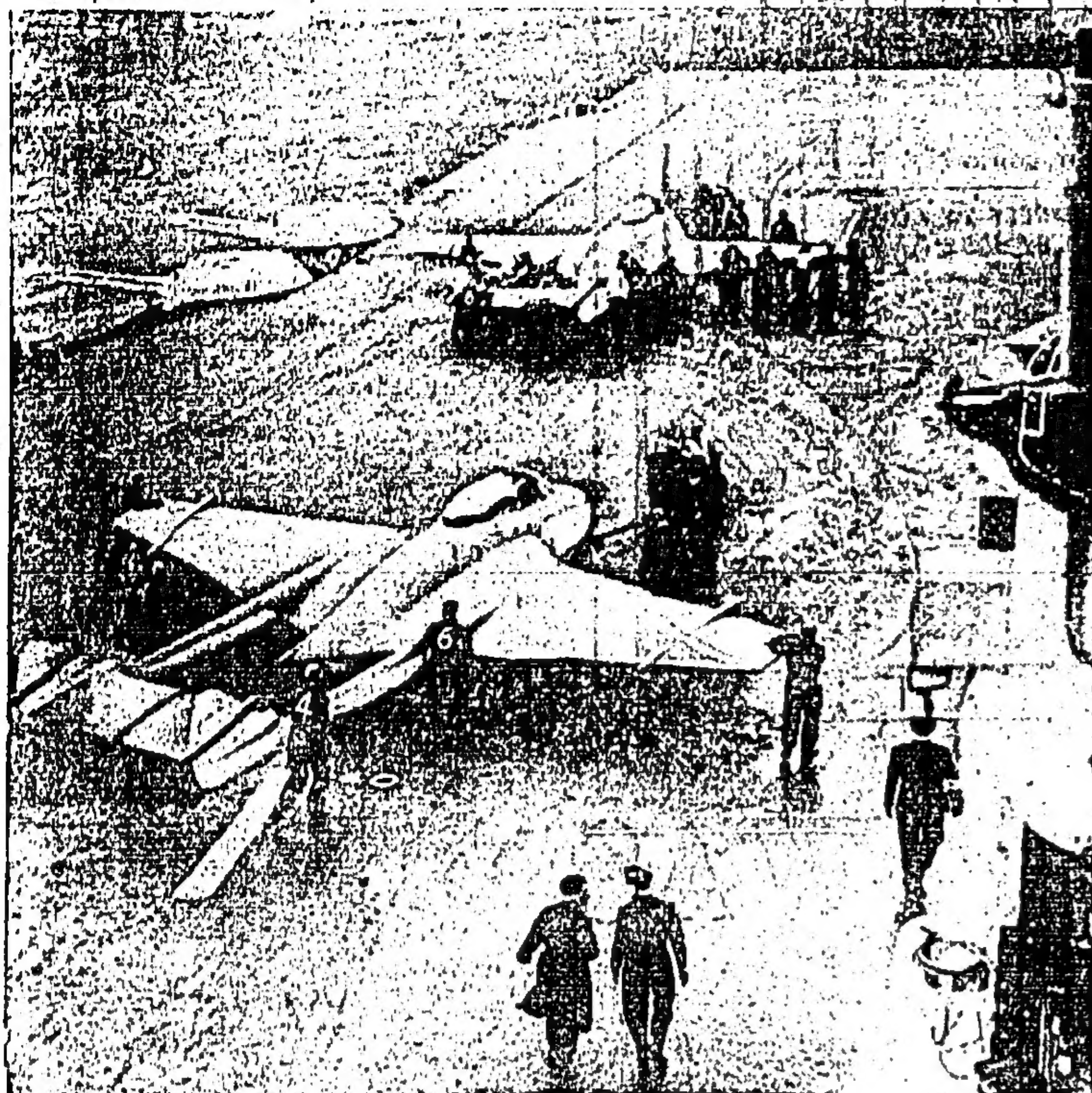
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



A-BOMB DEFENCE—A seagoing version of the jet-propelled de Havilland Vampire, one of which is due in Hongkong tomorrow, seen on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Illustrious during a mock atom bomb battle in the Atlantic recently.



BEFORE MY TIME—Clyde Weber, left, scratches his head in bewilderment as he inspects a strange object he fished out of the Kaw River in Topeka, Kansas. George D. White points to several fist-sized teeth in the 50-pound object, indicating that it may possibly be a prehistoric animal.



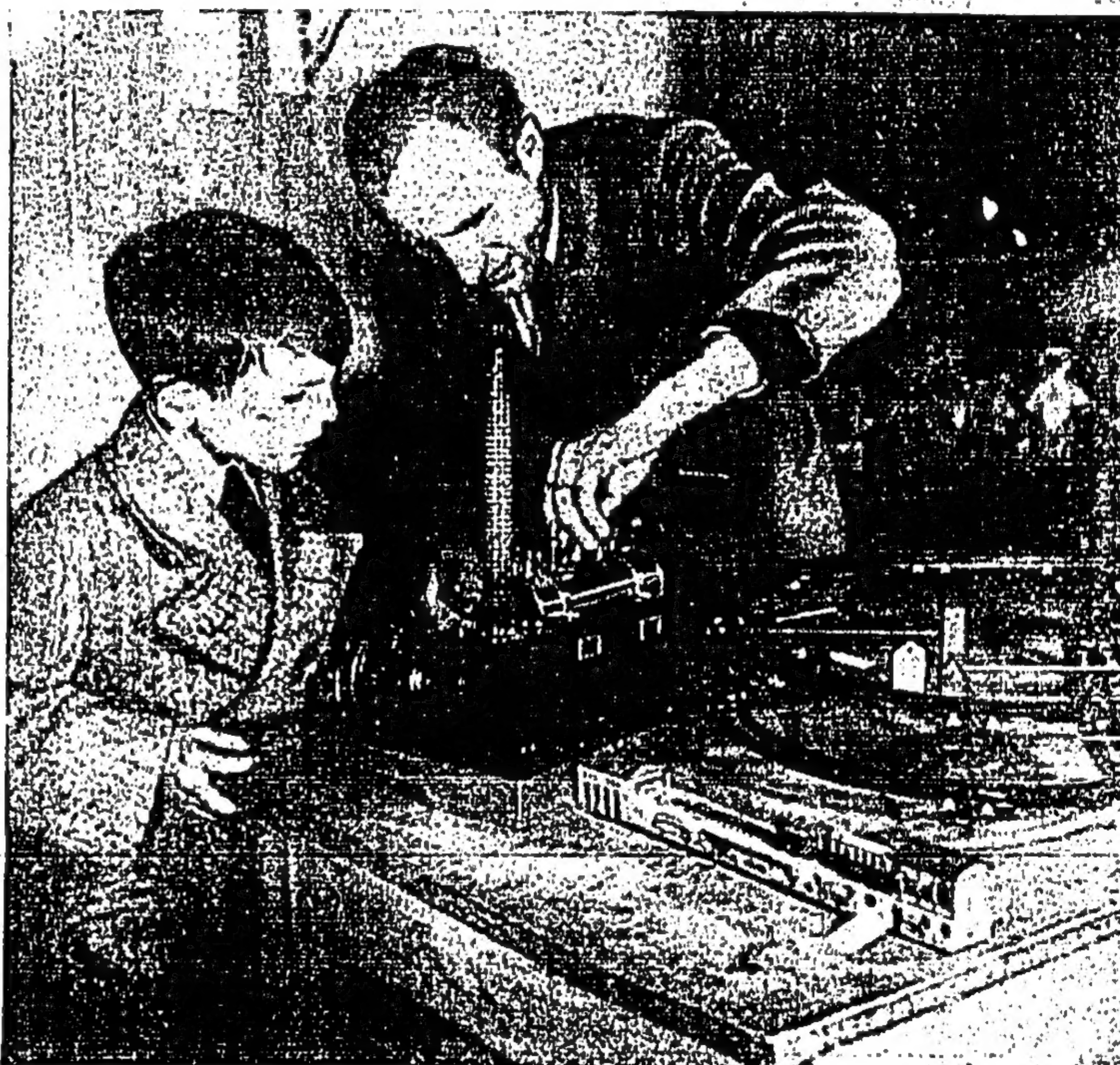
CATS ON PARADE—Some entrants at the 32nd championship show of the Empire Cat Club in New York City. Mickey, top, a brown tabby male kitten, is all done up in blankets while away from his favourite stove. Bottom: Entered in the Household Pets class is this cosy family trimmed with ribbons.



FOR GERMAN CHILDREN—Capt. Roy Benson receives gifts from New York Girl Guides destined for Germany. Over 400 lbs of parcels, collected by the Guides, are being flown without charge to be distributed to German boys and girls by the American Friends Service Committee.



RELAXING MOOD—Film actress Virginia Grey presents an interesting contrast in this relaxing pose. Her tanned legs bring out the features of her revealing white gown.



TOYS FOR EXPORT—Nuremberg's world famous toys are still being produced—but few of them go to German children. As in Britain, the accent in Germany today is on export. Here a worker demonstrates a model railway.



TRUDGING WEARILY HOME—With a bit of satisfaction, two elderly Berlin women wend their way home with allotted 25-pound sacks of coal on their backs. Coal distribution for house heating has been going on since late November.

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PLANES FOR CHINA—A painter puts the finishing touches to a Chinese Air Force insignia in a Grand Prairie, Texas, aircraft plant. The plane is one of 95 Mustang fighters being overhauled for shipment to the Chinese Nationalists. The planes are taken apart and crated before shipping.

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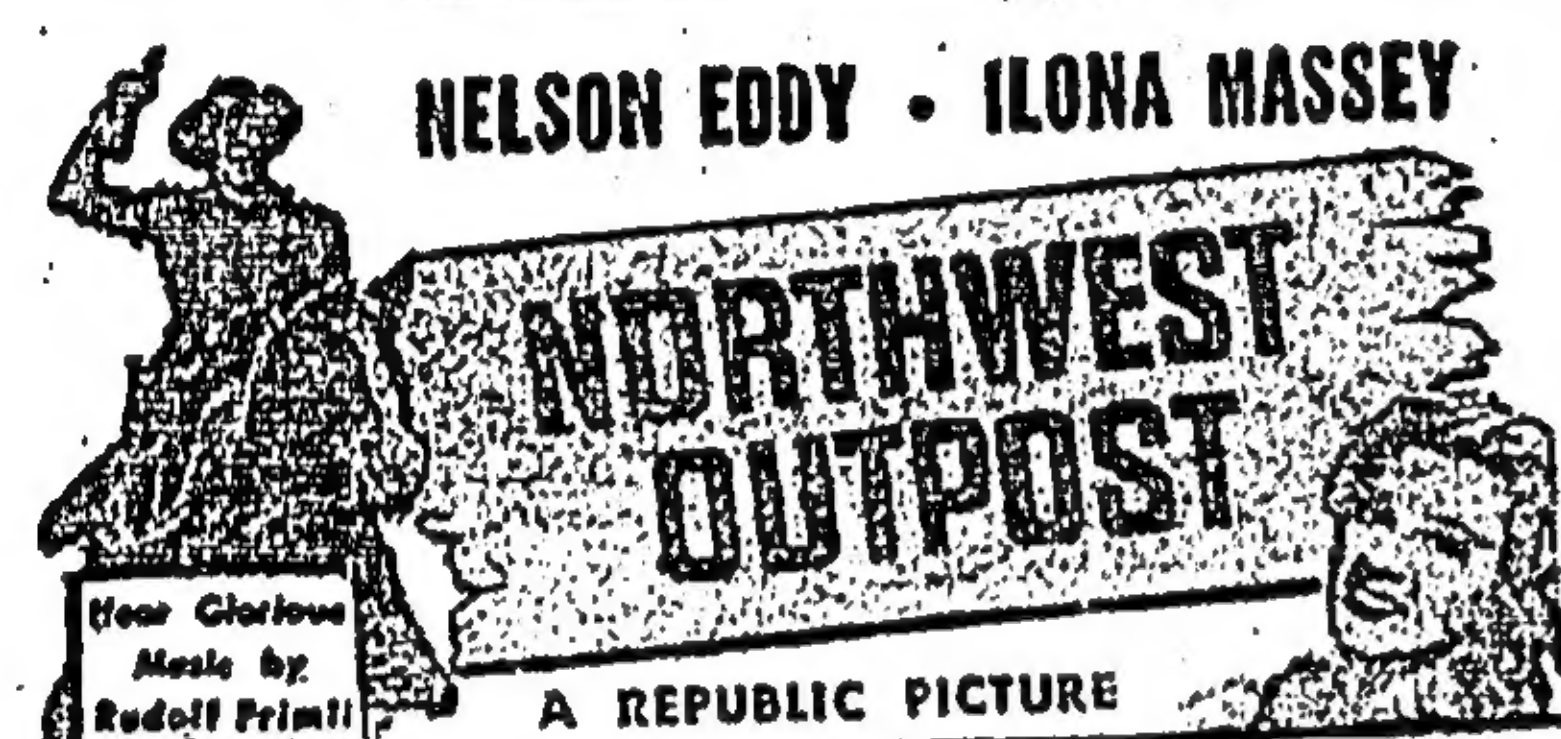
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SEVENTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

THAT night marked the first talk about a spectacularly secret conference to be held at Casablanca.

At the mention of names of the calibre of Roosevelt, Churchill, De Gaulle, Hopkins, Giraud, Tedder, Pound and Mountbatten, I tingled with anticipatory excitement. The General certainly would be a star delegate and I most certainly would drive him. It seemed a sure thing. It soon was evident, however, that the only female guests would be those capable of super-stenographic work. I wasn't invited to the biggest party in Africa.

Still more disturbing news—that Dick had been transferred up to Second Corps and possible front-line action—was partially offset by a blessed gift from the limitless store of Eisenhower thoughtfulness. When he heard Dick was coming to Algeria on brief Corps duty, the General called me in. "Kay," he said, "I understand Dick's coming to town?" I nodded. "Well," he continued, "you two can't talk or have much privacy up there at the billet with other women hanging around." He smiled. "When Dick arrives, tell him I want him to stay at my villa, as my personal guest, as long as he's here."

VIP Invasion

"THANKS" is such a tiny, clumsy word for a man who can take time from directing an historic army to realise that his driver and his boy friend would appreciate solitude. Both Dick and I tried to emphasise our appreciation, but the General only countered by tossing a special dinner for us one night. Butch, Ethel, and a few other friends added to the festive spirit, despite another air raid which reminded me, soberly, that Dick was going back to the real war.

Shortly after the Casablanca conference and its iron demand for unconditional surrender by the Axis, we were invaded by an army of VIPs who wanted to visit the General and Allied headquarters before returning to their respective homes. Unfortunately, Mr Churchill failed to appear, although scheduled, and all of us were particularly disappointed that President Roosevelt hurried home without a visit to Algiers. But I did meet General Sir Alan Brooke again, warming to that friendly personality, which always comes as a surprise to anyone expecting Colonel Blimp on being introduced to the "Chief of the Imperial General Staff." With him and General Eisenhower, it was "Brookie" and "Ike."

I also renewed acquaintance with the only one of General Eisenhower's friends or associates who never got around to calling him Ike—General Marshall, who invariably, despite their long and close association, talked to Ike as "Eisenhower." In retaining this formality General Marshall was in character. He always greeted me immediately and shook hands in outward cordiality, yet I never could quite overcome

what amounted to a touch of fear of him. Perhaps it was because of his military bearing, his careful speech, his somewhat fatherly attitude towards General Eisenhower; perhaps it was because General Marshall was my Boss's Boss. Regardless, even though I came to know him quite well in the months and years ahead, I felt there was an untouchable barrier, a barrier unequalled among all the scores of celebrated persons I met during the war. Nonetheless, I shared the universal respect for General Marshall's military genius and found him always the perfect military officer, the perfect Southern gentleman.

Hush-hush in Turkey

AND I respected him even more after General Eisenhower told me his Boss had ordered Dutch to see that the Supreme Commander took better care of himself, that he pay less attention to extra office hours and more to his health, that he get a place in the country and try to manage some exercise. The entire staff worried over General Ike's health; he refused to work normal hours, he declined to bed down with a lingering touch of flu, he never exercised, he suffered from increasing insomnia, and he worked at a murderous pace.

General Marshall had returned to Washington by the time our missing Prime Minister showed up, revealing implicitly that he had sneaked away for a hush-hush conference with the President of Turkey. He stayed with Admiral Cunningham, whose villa was in the same compound as that of General Eisenhower, in order to permit tight security measures.

When we pulled into the narrow, palm-lined driveway of General Eisenhower's villa that day, I spotted the familiar siren-suit headed our way. The General got out to greet the P.M. effusively; I stood by quietly, unable to salute, as a civilian, certain he "wouldn't" remember a mere army driver. After chatting with Ike for a few moments, however, Mr Churchill came over to the car, walking right up to shake hands heartily.

Ike's Promotion

USING the inevitable cigar as a baton, he opened the conversation by remarking: "Well, Kay, thought I'd find you here. How are you making out, driving on the right hand side of the road?"

He made me perfectly at ease, with his natural buoyancy; down-right appealing in his obvious pleasure at this wartime vacation from Downing Street, he was a far cry from the man one might visualise as carrying the cares of the British Empire on his hunched shoulders.

Five days later, General Ike received his fourth star.

Ike gave vent to his own enjoyment in the promotion that evening when a number of us—including the five WACs—joined him for a quiet celebration. His voice really rang with abandon as he chimed in with the gramophone on his favourite two

wordless. A Jeep driver braved the mud to take me to the evacuation hospital several miles away, where I gained a lasting admiration for front-line nurses, reserved a bunk, and then headed back to the CP for a few more precious moments with Dick. He and the others were so worried about General Eisenhower's whereabouts in the unknown battle that I, too, became nervous.

"You'd better stay right here, Kay," Dick said. "If things get any worse, I'd rather you'd be here than over at the evacuation hospital. It looks as though General Eisenhower won't be back till real late, anyhow. So we'll bed you in the VIP's tent. It at least has a dry pebble floor."

I agreed readily, happy to be near him if anything was going to happen, then climbed into bed fully dressed, just in case.

German Threat

AWAKENING several hours later, I heard the sound of muffled voices and boots munching around in the mud; I was sure it was the Germans, already in our camp. Just then I heard Dick's voice: "Sir, we didn't expect you back so soon. Afraid we put Kay there in your VIP tent. But there's another empty tent right down here, if you don't mind, Sir." Their boots gurgled in the mud and the voices faded away.

When General Eisenhower and Dick appeared at mess, I learned that the Germans had threatened our lines with a full-scale breakthrough, if not a rout. The General, bundled to his car, was a very, very tired man and looked as though he hadn't slept a wink. He said the trip up front had ended in near disaster when his Jeep driver, exhausted from the strain of moving that near action with a four-star passenger in the rear, had tossed them into a ditch. General Truscott added, unsmiling: "We got your Boss back, Kay. But I never want to take him up that far again, ever!" Obviously anxious to get rid of the responsibility for us, he provided another escort to Tebessa.

General Eisenhower refused plane transportation on the ground that the Air Corps insisted upon an aerial escort and he didn't want to pull any fighters away from the battle area, where they were so urgently needed for combat. We returned to Constantine for the night and, after bucking convoy traffic for eight hours on that narrow, dangerous highway, returned to Algiers.

Sidi-bou-Zid

HEADQUARTERS had all the cheer of an empty funeral parlour. News from the front, starting with the licking we took at Sidi-bou-Zid, was increasingly bitter to swallow. The Americans in particular were downcast by this first real taste of defeat. General Eisenhower was so plump and weary with these worries, plus his constant, critical criticism of his combat direction, that I couldn't bring myself to complain about my own health.

"You don't look so hot these days, Kay," the General said one morning, peering intently through his frame reading glasses. "You're a funny-looking colour. Stand over here in the light; let's take a good look at you." I moved over obediently. "You've got jaundice!" he yelled.

Ethel confirmed the Boss's sharp diagnosis. I was in the hospital a week.

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C.V.R. THOMPSON REPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE

Lightning in bottles

NEW YORK:

BOOTLEGGING is making a big comeback in the U.S.

So much so that revenue men are going out in reconnaissance planes in the backwoods country to spot well-hidden illicit stills.

The reason is not because liquor is hard to get. In all but a few States Americans can buy all the liquor they want during all the hours they are likely to be awake.

It is the high cost of living and the ever-growing cost of drinking.

Taxes on whisky, tripled since 1940, mean that the cheapest American-made whisky costs more than £1 a bottle. But "white lightning," the popular name for the bootleg product, avoids taxes and sells for only 15s. a gallon.

A NIGHTWATCHMAN (name withheld) knows more. Roosevelt secrets than all the Roosevelt biographers put together. It was disclosed during a New York hearing that he found out by accident a way of tapping the White House telephone and, "intent only upon entertainment and recreation," listened to everything that was said for a whole year.

MAN OF THE YEAR, according to a poll of 1,200 American newspaper editors, is President Truman. Others, in order of importance—Stalin, Marshall, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Marshall plan boss Paul Hoffman, General Eisenhower, Thomas Dewey, Chiang Kai-shek, Berlin, Tito.

EMBARRASSED by too many officials talking without thinking, an unnamed Washington big-wig asked the world not to take them ill. "The trouble is," he told one reporter James Reston, "that nobody in the world will believe we could administer power so casually. They think we are being devious and even malicious when we are merely being careless."

NEW YORK'S licensing authorities have turned down an application for a shunting-in-the-slot machine to serve Scotch and sodas automatically.

A LETTER to Santa Claus "a lot of us would like to write" was written by New Yorker Alice Wolff. It read: "Dear Santa Claus—Please send America Winston Churchill for Christmas to lead us and help us avoid all these troubles and problems that seem in the offing."

TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we are living in today

Forms... forms... and still more forms to fill in! The White-chapel merchant who had begun by merely worrying about the procedure of controls could now no longer get a night's good sleep. He went to his doctor.

"Count sheep," said the doctor. "It's an old trick, but it still works." A week later the doctor saw his patient again—more haggard and heavy-eyed than ever.

"Well..." began the doctor—but got no further.

"Listen, doctor," came the interruption. "I counted 50,000 sheep. I shared the sheep and made them into 50,000 overcoats. But by heaven, then came the problem that's kept me awake ever since: Where can I get the licence for the 50,000 linings?"

In Paris the new name for General Delattre de Tassigny is General D. D. T.—but the French Army is due for a general clean-up.

And in Hollywood they have a funny name for Marriage, too: after a little while they call it quits.

"What's the matter with your finger?"

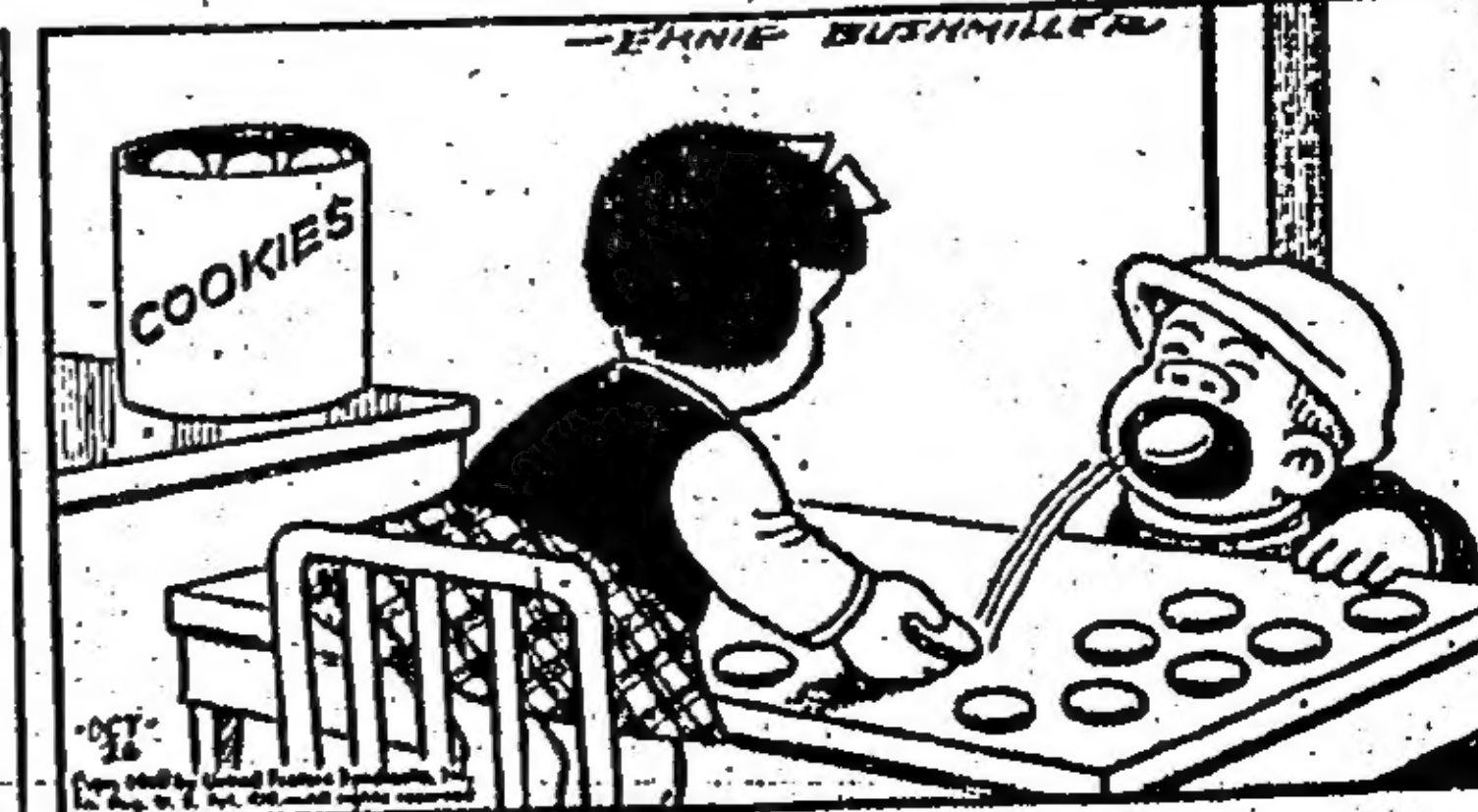
"I was in the High-street getting some cigarettes yesterday and a fool stepped on my hand."

The general manager asked the shop steward to his office, offered him the armchair.

And then he said: "Listen, Jones, I've paid your staff caution bill, settled your superannuation policy, seen to your welfare club subscriptions, settled your P. A. Y. E. with the income tax office, advised the local Ministry of Labour bureau, cleared up your case with the union, and written out a cheque for your cost-of-living bonus, extra salary in lieu of notice, accumulated credits and overtime pay. Jones—you're fired."

They had been spending Christmas with his wife's people—and it had been a pretty tedious experience. In the train going home the husband turned to his wife and said: "I'll say one thing for your relatives... I like your mother-in-law better than mine."

NANCY Hole In One



By Ernie Bushmiller

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The PWD Larceny Trial Resumes

BROTHER OF
ACCUSED IN
WITNESS BOXCross-Examination
About Cheques

Kwok Hing-cho, brother of the first accused Kwok Kwong, foreman, was cross-examined by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, defending Austin Spary, electrical inspector grade 1, at the resumed hearing of the P.W.D. Larceny Case before Mr Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Kwok Kwong, defended by Mr Percy Chen, and Spary face 12 charges alleging theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences from the K.B.G.C., and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Replying to Mr D'Alton, Kwok Hing-cho said that in 1930 he joined John D. Hutchison & Co and was stationed in Canton. He then started a native bank with Tsui Sik-chung also in Canton. After the war witnesses rejoined John D. Hutchison's import and export department. Tsui at present was not in business and in partnership with him. Witness also declared that he had any business connection with the name of Cheong Hing. He said he knew a man named Ah Yam, who was with the firm and knew Kwok Kwong. Questioned further, witness admitted that he endorsed a cheque with the name Cheong Hing in Chinese. He also cashed the cheque.

BROTHER'S CHEQUE

Witness admitted he also made out another cheque and explained that both cheques were his brother's, who had told him that they had come from proper sources.

Mr D'Alton: Do you know Spary?—No.

Have you ever cashed any cheques for Spary?—No. He examined by Mr A. Hooton (Crown Counsel), who is prosecuting, said that the Police visited him to make enquiries about the cheques, also about other matters.

Mr Hooton: How did you come to know this person Ah Yam of the Cheong Hing electrical shop?—I came to know him because I had seen him walking with a friend.

On whose authority did you write the name Cheong Hing on the back of the cheque?—My brother's.

Lam Yam, master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, 7, Mercer Street, ground floor, said that during 1947 and 1948 he had no contracts for work at the Cathay Pacific Airways, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Cecilia Beauty Salon, or the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

At this stage, Mr Chen drew attention to the fact that witnesses who had concluded their evidence had left the court. He said it would be better if they remained in court until the end of the morning session or till the end of the afternoon session.

His Lordship agreed.

DIDN'T DO WORK
Mr Hooton: I have here a number of bills headed 'due to Cheong Hing'. Did you or your firm do any of the work enumerated on these bills which are the places which I have just enumerated?

Witness: No.
Can you say how these bills came to be made out on your paper?—This was done because Kwok Kwong told me that he had done such work and asked me just to make out the bills for him.
Where did he make that request?—After work he rang me up and asked me to go to a tea-house and there he made the request.

Did that happen in all the cases of these bills?—Yes. When he made the request he said that his friend wanted to have the bills made out for accounting purposes. I told him that if his friend was going to put them into his account books then I would have to do the same.
Why did you agree to do it?—Simply for friendship's sake.
What did you do with these bills?—Having got all these bills I went back to my shop and gave my clerk, Leung Fun-ching, instructions to make them out.
And having just asked today to the West End, I went with them?—I handed them to Kwok Kwong.
All these bills have your chop on them?—Yes.
Who put the chop on?—The clerk. The trial is proceeding.

German Steel
Workers
Appeal To US

Dusseldorf, Jan. 9.—The management and workers of the Bochumer Verein steel works, in the British zone, made their last appeal today to President Truman and to the U.S. Secretary of State requesting them to intervene to stop the partial dismantling of the works, due to begin tomorrow.

Dr Rudolf Blücher, a Frankfurt lawyer, sent a cable to Washington on their behalf. It urged that the American Government should send a committee to Germany to inquire into the dismantling programme.

The telegram said that the workers refused to co-operate under pressure in the destruction of their livelihood. It described the dismantling as a blow against the idea of Western European co-operation and against the Marshall Plan.

Employees of the dismantling contractors have received written orders from the Military Government to carry out the work. As the steel works have been instructed by their union not to interfere, both German and British quarters tonight thought it unlikely that there would be any serious hitch tomorrow.—Reuter.

Women's Council
Meeting

A general meeting of the Hongkong Council of Women will be held in the Y.W.C.A. Duddell Street, on Wednesday, January 12, at 5.15 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs J. B. Dorow, and the subject, "Community Chest". All interested are welcome.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"My doctor simply insists that I go on a diet, and I'm starting right now—just look at these prices!"

FIRST

INDONESIA:

Dutch Seek
Talks With
Republicans

Batavia, Jan. 9.—Republican circles here today reported tentative moves by the Dutch authorities to open unofficial discussions with the Republican leaders.

They believed similar approaches were being made in the Republics in Jogjakarta. So far, these moves have not progressed very far in Batavia, though a slight change in the Republican outlook here has become noticeable.

The tendency seemed to be to accept the facts of the existing situation as being beyond easy remedy.

The Republicans were apparently not pressing for major troop withdrawals. Instead, they urged modifications in the constitution of the Interim Federal Government, to permit Republicans to co-operate without too severe a strain on their principles.

The changes suggested would reduce the interim powers of the Crown Representative and increase those of the Interim Government, with a fixed date for the transfer of sovereignty.

But the true state of Republican opinion has become most difficult to gauge, with four of the most important members of the Republican Government confined to Banka Island, four more restricted to the Jogjakarta area, one abroad and six in hiding or with the guerrillas.

The Republican leaders now in Batavia—Dr Soepomo, a former Minister, Dr Darmasitawan, chief advisor to the Republican delegation to the United Nations Good Offices Committee, and Professor Soejono, the delegation's secretary—were in touch with the leaders on Banka Island or in Jogjakarta.

In spite of the slight change in outlook, some Republicans criticised as too friendly the letter Dr Soekarno, the Republican President, wrote to the Dutch commander of his guard, in which he said he did not hate the Dutch, only imperialism.

Guerrilla activity by Republican forces continued to be widespread in Java and Sumatra, Republican reports, partly supported from Dutch sources said today.

It was reported to be directed mainly against Dutch outposts, communications and estates.—Reuter.

US Navy
Clears Decks
In China

Tsingtao, Jan. 9.—The United States Navy in China is clearing the decks—just in case.

An Official Navy and Marine spokesman in Tsingtao—the base of the West Pacific Fleet—has announced that the present month-long streamlining process was prompted by economy and efficiency.

In the past three years the United States Navy has spread itself out comfortably in Tsingtao.

There were dependants to be taken care of, and the recreational needs of several thousand officers and men.

(The last group of dependants, numbering about 200, will sail for home today aboard the General W. A. Mann).

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in such facilities as officers' and enlisted men's clubs and gymnasiums, as well as harbour, air base and other installations.

Developments of the past few months have resulted in a policy of retrenchment and concentration of the widespread US holdings in Tsingtao. Official spokesmen stress that this policy has resulted in no loss of efficiency.

They go further and say that their increasingly "mobile" position puts them in better shape to meet eventualities than ever before.

With the foundations of the Chinese government growing shakier daily, the key note of American operations here:

Retrenchment gave rise to the original report of "withdrawal from China" of the United States Marines. But retrenchment by all appearances has turned out to be double-edged. Many billets and club facilities are being given up, but more money is being put into those that remain. The programme of improvement of installations and recreational facilities does not seem to have slackened in these centres.

The speculation which swept Tsingtao last week, as evidences of retrenchment became apparent, has died down considerably, though wild rumours are still circulating in the cafes which thrive on US Navy money.

One local thrifty last night was still willing to bet US\$100 (the only currency which seems to be recognised hereabouts) that the Navy and Marines will be out of Tsingtao by the end of the month.

Vice Admiral Oscar Badger, Commander of the West Pacific Fleet, said, "Send him up to me and I'll take his bet."—Associated Press.

Europe's Railway Wagons
Badly Need Repairs

Geneva, Jan. 9.—More than 15 percent of all railway wagons in Western Europe are out of use as a result of repairs, according to figures published in Geneva today by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Western Europe's rolling stock was in better condition at the end of 1948 than it was immediately after the war, but there were still almost twice as many unserviceable wagons in 1948 as during an average pre-war year.

Western Europe had a total of 312,554 wagons out of service on November 30, 1948.

Great Britain was the only country in Western Europe with a greater percentage of unserviceable wagons in 1948 than in 1940.

Britain had a total of 147,381 wagons—12 percent of her entire rolling stock—awaiting repair on November 30, almost as many as in all the other Western European countries together.—Associated Press.

ACTION INVOLVING
CANADIAN LAW
AT SUPREME COURT

An action under Probate Jurisdiction and involving Canadian law was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning. Plaintiff was a woman, Woo Yen Nui Oi, of 32 Taipoo Road, Kowloon, and the defendants were William G. Woo and Daisy Woo, of 3, Cheung-shawan Road, Kowloon. Daisy Woo is at present living in Montreal.

The plaintiff claims that she was the wife and the person entitled to administration of the estate of the late Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong Kee, alias Woo Tsun Nin, and to have such grant of administration.

The defendants claim that, together with one Wesley S. Woo, confined since 1933 in a mental home in Canada, they are the present executors and sole beneficiaries under a pretended will of the deceased dated September 16, 1932, having entered a caveat alleging the validity of the said pretended will.

The plaintiff further claims declaration that the pretended will was revoked by the marriage of the plaintiff to the deceased on February 20, 1933.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr H. K. Woo, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr John McNell, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, was for the defendants.

Dealing with the statement of claim, Mr Bernacchi said that the plaintiff was the first wife of Woo and had two sons, aged 13 and 12, respectively.

"I am certain in this case to open very strongly," said counsel. "It is my contention throughout that the children of the deceased by the first wife have acted in a despicable manner. Not content with a reasonable issue as to domicile they, by their defence, repudiate the whole of the alleged marriage of the plaintiff to the deceased. They contend that it is not a valid marriage in Hongkong and the whole relationship between the plaintiff and the deceased is completely denied."

As regards that point intend to produce the birth certificates of the two sons," he said.

Before 1933, said counsel, deceased had been in Canada for a number of years. He came to Hongkong and it would be the contention of the plaintiff that he came here with the intention of remarrying and settling down here to spend the rest of his days.

MARRIED IN CHINA

He was blind and was accompanied by the first defendant, William Woo. Arrangements were made through an intermediary for the marriage of the deceased to the plaintiff and in 1933 he went to his native district of Yanping, in China, and there married the plaintiff. They returned to the Colony as husband and wife and lived together.

"When he got married," said Mr Bernacchi, "the deceased was old and blind and might well be that he did not expect issue of the marriage. When issue arrived the evidence will be that he found that the two young babies got on his nerves and during the period from 1933 to 1942 the wife and children stayed in a separate house."

She visited her husband constantly and he frequently visited the children. From April, 1943, until the day of his death, the plaintiff lived with him in Hongkong. She insisted that the second defendant, Daisy Woo, was trying to get her

husband to go back to Canada, but she was not successful.

Evidence would be called that when the deceased first came to Hongkong before his marriage to the plaintiff it was his intention to settle down here and to marry so as to have a woman to look after him. His intention was originally to settle down in China, but not being satisfied with the conditions in China he decided to settle in Hongkong.

QUESTION OF DOMICILE

Replying to a point on domicile raised by Mr McNell, Mr Bernacchi said that it was the allegation of the defendants that domicile was in Canada.

"We deny that; we say that it is Hongkong, and, alternatively, that it was China," said counsel.

Mr McNell: My learned friend is going to set up that the domicile was in Hongkong. It is not disclosed in the pleadings. We say the domicile was in Canada.

Mr Bernacchi: To proceed. Besides calling the plaintiff herself I intend to call other evidence. I will call three other witnesses as to evidence of the ceremony of marriage between deceased and the plaintiff. I will also call evidence as to the fact that they lived together in Hongkong and the fact that the plaintiff was always recognised here as being the deceased's wife.

"I will call evidence from the American Express Bank to the effect that the plaintiff herself visited this bank in the company of her husband and her account there was in the name of Mrs Woo, and she will produce the chop she used. Evidence will also be called in support from the elder of the two sons."

"I am calling expert evidence on Chinese law by Mr P. L. Lam, a lawyer in China, also a solicitor in practice here and Professor Ma Kiam. Their evidence will be as to the validity of this marriage in accordance with the laws of China on the evidence of facts which I intend to adduce."

"In view of the possibility of a dispute as to whether the laws of China as they are now apply or the law in 1944, they will say that this form of marriage was in fact valid according to modern Chinese law and in accordance with the law of the Ching Dynasty. They will say that according to the law in China a person of Chinese race was always a Chinese subject. All the authorities say that domicile is not dependent on nationality."

Mr McNell said that the whole issue was the administration of this estate.

Mr Bernacchi said that there was still certain evidence to be obtained from Canada and there was the historic question of Canadian law. Counsel, he said, were agreed that in Canadian law the marriage did not provoke the will. "We say that under Canadian law, we are entitled to administration of half of the property," said Mr Bernacchi. Hearing is proceeding.

BRITONS EVACUATING
ISRAEL, REPORT

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line and there is nothing I can say until I get their report."

Asked what he considered the biggest stumbling block to a peace settlement, Dr Buncho said: "One of the biggest so far is that we have never been able to discuss it. The biggest problem has been to get the parties together. This is the first step."

In Tel-Aviv today, the Soviet Minister to Israel, Mr Pavel Yershov, called on the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Shertok, and, according to political sources, offered Israel Soviet support in view of the "deplorable situation."

These sources said Mr Shertok told the Russian Minister that the Israel Government did not feel the situation was grave enough but promised to keep the Soviet Minister informed.

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

The diplomatic activity in Tel-Aviv over the weekend was also reported to have included a 15-minute phone call from President Truman in Washington to the head of his diplomatic mission here, Professor James MacDonald.

Professor MacDonald left a dinner on Friday at the hotel outside Tel-Aviv, where he was spending the weekend, to receive details at the Israeli Foreign Office of Friday's air activity, in which five RAF planes were lost.

Informed sources said Mr MacDonald was able to give the President a full report and the two men discussed developments. Mr MacDonald called on Mr Moshe Shertok yesterday.

The French and Yugoslav representatives in Tel-Aviv were among other weekend callers at the Foreign Ministry.

Reports from Cyprus said the transport Empire Test, due at Famagusta tomorrow, was believed to be picking up Marine Commandos who have been guarding camps on the island and who have been standing by expecting a call to Amnab.

The destroyer Chequers sailed south from Cyprus this morning, while a second destroyer Chivalrous, was anchored off Famagusta. Two frigates from Malta are expected at Cyprus soon.—Reuter.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

KING'S AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL presents

YVONNE DECARLO DAN DURYEA ROD CAMERON HELENA CARTER

RIVER LADY IN TECHNICOLOR

with LLOYD GUGH - FLORENCE BATES. Screenplay by D. D. BEAUCHAMP and WILLIAM BOWERS. From the novel by HOUSTON FRANCHI and FRANK WATERS. Produced by LEONARD GOLDSTEIN. Directed by GEO. SHERMAN.

TO-MORROW

ROBERT MORLEY FELIX AYLMER

The GHOSTS of BERKELEY SQUARE

with YVONNE ARNAUD CLAUDE HULBERT & RONALD FRANKAU

Produced by Louis H. Jackson. Directed by Vernon Sewell. A BRITISH NATIONAL PICTURE.

ORIENTAL AIR CONDITIONED MAJESTIC

SHOWING TO-DAY

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.40

Another Chinese Historical Picture in Lavish Scale!
COST OVER HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS TO PRODUCE!
THE ENTIRE PICTURE IN MANDARIN DIALOGUE!

清宮秘史

Sorrows of the Forbidden City

SHOWING TO-DAY

Cathay At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

The Screen's Most Dangerous Longing!
A Man Who Loved Every Woman...
...With the Sheer Love of Killing!

Wanted for MURDER

Starring ERIC PORTMAN

Produced by ERIC PORTMAN

NEXT CHANGE—A WONDERFUL PICTURE!
JAMES STEWART DONNA REED IN FRANK CAPRA'S
"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

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Monday, January 10

Closing Times By Air

Manila 11 a.m. (Reg.); 11.20 a.m. (Ord.).
Fookchow 3 p.m. (Reg.); 3.30 p.m. (Ord.).
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking, Kuning, Luichow, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei 3 p.m. (Reg.); 3.30 p.m. (Ord.).

Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Maraisburg via Alexandria, Rome, London and Paris (CFO) 4 p.m. (Reg.); 4.30 p.m. (Ord.). (GPO) 4.30 p.m. (Reg.); 5 p.m. (Ord.).

Closing Times By Sea

Tuesday, January 11

Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, Swatow and Amoy 8.30 a.m. (Reg.); 9 a.m. (Ord.).

Radio Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 625 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

6. Programme Summary: 6.01, "Swing-time" with Vic Lewis and Rita Rand (BBC); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7. World News and Navy Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "The Macquerons" (BBC); 7.30, Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio); 8. "From the Editor's Desk" (BBC); 8.30, "Take What You Like" presented by F. Silva (Studio); 9. Tino Rossi Entertains; 9.15, Linda Carter Talks on Films (Studio); 9.30, London Playhouse, "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward with Rex Harrison, Kay Hammond, Margaret Rutherford and Constance Cummings; 10. Radio Vera Real (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.30, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and Oscar Metke (Class); 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close down.

Swatow, Amoy, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking and Fookchow 3 p.m. (Reg.); 3.30 p.m. (Ord.).
Shanghai, Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada 4.30 p.m. (Reg.); 5 p.m. (Ord.).
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

SCORPIONS AGAIN LOSE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Recreio, as expected, beat Craiengower at Happy Valley on Saturday to retain a commanding lead in the First Division of the Cricket League, but the surprise of the day was University's victory over a strong Scorpions' XI by 91 runs.

On a Sookunpoo wicket on which runs do not come easily, the youngest of the Gosanos carried his bat for 122 runs against the bowling of Howarth and Owen-Hughes to permit University to declare at the very comfortable total of 185 for six wickets.

University did not appear set to make a stand as, taking first lease of the wicket, they lost Tommy Lo for two runs on the board, S. M. Teh at 31 and Professor Ride at 32.

Gosano had got his eye in by this time and scored nicely all around the wicket, hitting 15 boundaries, a five, a three, 14 twos and 21 singles.

His 122 was the highest score for the season for both League and friendly matches. His previous best batting performance has been 72 against the RAF at Kai Tak.

It was Gosano also who dashed Scorpions' hopes of reaching a comparable score by holding first Kerr and then Stokes behind the wicket with the scoreboard showing five and 14.

Owen-Hughes, Leach and Richardson made a stand for the third and fourth wicket, but the fall stopped wicketing at 94.

AT CHATER ROAD

At Chater Road, Army took the measure of the Optimists in a game that was featured by the second highest individual knock of the afternoon.

Major Dawe hit the Optimists' bowlers about for 15 boundaries and six for his 78. The Optimists, batting first, reached a comfortable 151. Army more than surprised by passing this total with five wickets in hand.

SCARE FOR RECREIO

Though Craiengower had reached 101 against Recreio in the first League match of the season, they would have been happy with 50 yesterday. They reached 53 as a result of a last wicket stand by Youngs and Crabtree.

The latter, after hitting up 12, was bowled by Gerry Gosano to be

out the first time in League cricket this season, bringing down his batting average from infinity to 35.00.

Faced with 84 to make for a win with all the time in the world, Recreio had lost four of their best wickets with 60 runs on the board and the situation, with Billmorris



J. M. "Zino" Gosano, the University wicket-keeper, surprised with the fourth century and the highest individual innings in either League or friendly cricket this season when he carried his bat for 122 runs against the Scorpions at Sookunpoo on Saturday. — Telegraph Staff Photographer.

giving away less than two runs an over, looked very uncomfortable. Had Crabtree been in equivalent form from the other end, Recreio could have well met defeat in the surprise upset of the season.

Billmorris kept an excellent length, varied his pace and kept some of the best batting in the League tied up. His final analysis

of 12-3-22-2, though it does not suggest anything spectacular, represented one of the best bowling performances of the season.

Prata and Pereira hit the runs necessary to a win but had another wicket fallen the Recreio tail, mostly Second Division, would have had a hard job of it.

DRAW AGAIN

The draw earlier this year at Cox's Path was repeated at Sookunpoo yesterday when time robbed the Indian Recreation Club of victory.

After having dismissed the KCC for 147, the Indians just reached the equivalent score with four wickets in hand and S. A. Ismail and Arculli well set for the winning run had time permitted.

The Royal Air Force and Royal Navy decided that the day was too cold for cricket and the fifth match of the day was not played.

HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|-----|
| Recreio | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 30 |
| Army | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 23 |
| Scorpions | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 21 |
| University | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| Optimists | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| KCC | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| RAF | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| IRC | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Craiengower | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Royal Navy | 8 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 |

SECOND DIVISION

The Indian Recreation Club took a long lead in the Second Division in defeating KCC by 56 runs. It was more than a creditable victory with the KCC fielding about its strongest Second Division side.

Recreio, short of players temporarily promoted to the First Division, beat an Army team in a similar situation by a narrow margin of eight runs.

HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| IRC | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| Army | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| RAF | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Royal Navy | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Recreio | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| KCC | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

Extra Player For West Indies Team

Trinidad, Jan. 9.—The position regarding the sending of an extra player for the West Indies touring team in India as reflected by the press here is that the President of the West Indies Cricket Control Board cannot act on a request by the President of the India Cricket Board but only if the request for extra players comes from the captain of the West Indies team through the team manager.

Another factor is that members of the West Indies Cricket Board live in different islands and would have to consult one another by cable as a meeting could not easily be arranged.

The hope was expressed that the West Indies captain will ask for a relief and that Frank Worrell, now in English club cricket, would be chosen and released from his club for the purpose.—Reuter.

Souvenir Fund For Everton Weekes

Bombay, Jan. 9.—A testimonial fund for Everton Weekes, the West Indies batsman, has been opened by the Sunday News of India, the leading Sunday newspaper of Bombay.

The paper said "None of the famous cricketers of the past, Grace, Hobbs, McCartney, or Bradman himself equalled Weekes' record of scoring five Test centuries in a row."

It is a Rupee Fund (one rupee is equivalent to 16d) and the purpose, said the paper, was "to present this brilliant batsman with a suitable souvenir of Indian workmanship."—Reuter.

MCC Tour

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 9.—The M.C.C. touring cricketers, run up a total of 450 for nine wickets to-day in five and a half hours' batting against Eastern Province here.

C. H. Palmer (116) and Denis Compton (109) both scored centuries. It being Compton's sixth of the tour and Palmer's first.

Alan Watkins (83) and C. Gladwin (52 not out) also registered their highest scores of the tour during the day's play, in which Eastern Province never revealed a bowler of real danger.

Several of the M.C.C. wickets fell through the batsmen attempting big hits.—Reuter.

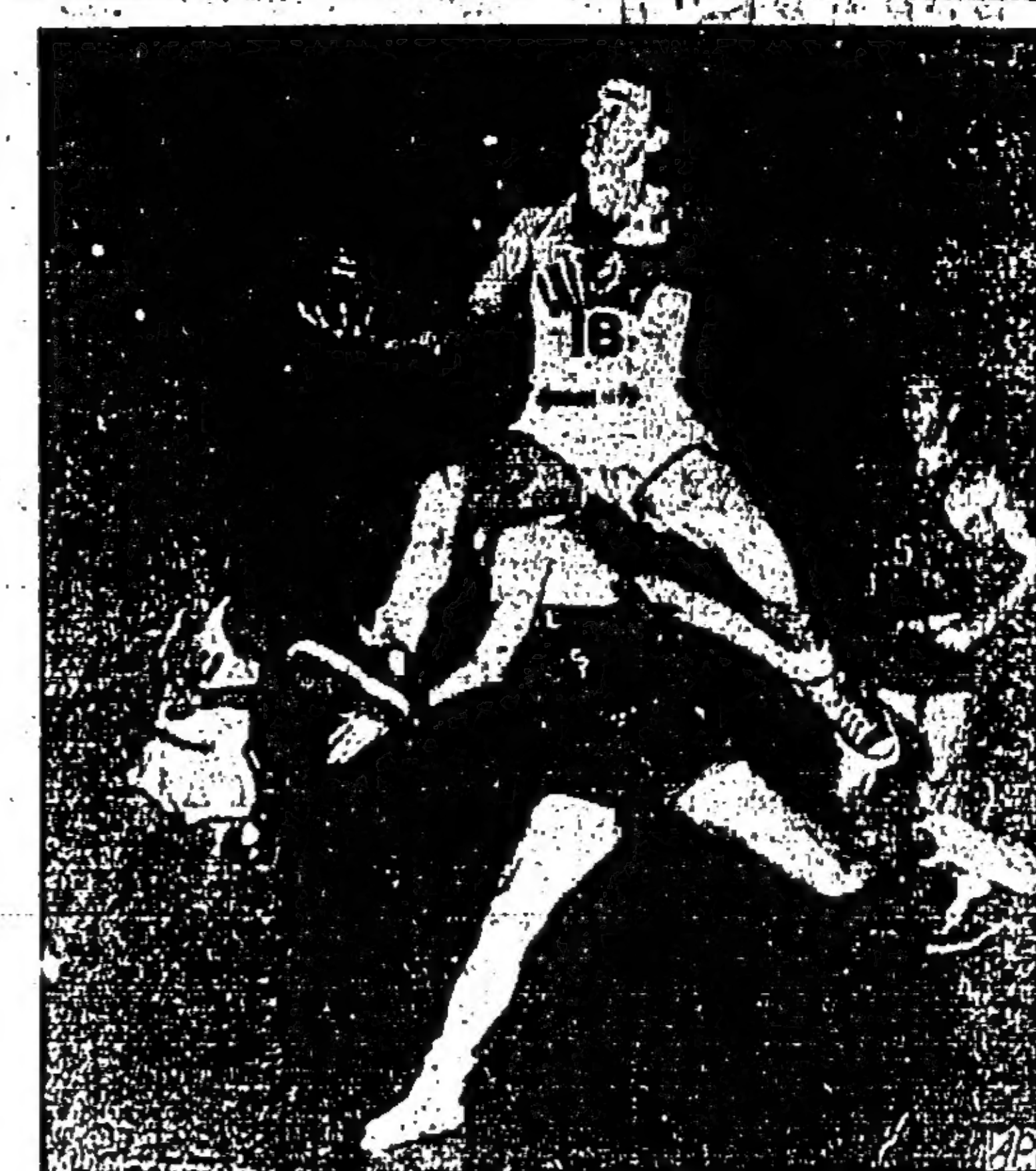
Plunket Shield

Auckland, Jan. 7.—B. Sutcliffe, the young New Zealand left-handed batsman who scored two centuries for Otago against the M.C.C. two seasons ago, today accomplished another grand batting performance.

He and D. Taylor had an opening stand of 220, which featured the start of the Plunket Shield match between Auckland and Canterbury.

Sutcliffe, now playing for Auckland, scored 141 and Taylor 99. Sutcliffe is regarded as a certain choice for the New Zealand team visiting England this year, while Taylor is a possibility for that tour.—Reuter.

FLIES THROUGH THE AIR



Kenny Rollins (16), of Chicago, is shown high in the air attempting to shoot the ball with the assistance of Stan Stutz (7), of Baltimore. Rollins was fouled on the play.

Chicago won by score of 75 to 70 in their professional game held at Indianapolis.—AP Wirephoto.

ENGLAND'S CRICKETERS CONFOUND THE CRITICS

London, Jan. 9.—England's cricketers touring South Africa have already confounded their critics by their sterling play in that country. Before the tour started, it was reported in London that South African sportsmen were prepared to lay odds of six to four against England winning the rubber and even money that the tourists would not win a Test.

The odds now against an English Test series win would be very different. Already one up with two to play, England can hardly lose, for a drawn game in the Johannesburg Test seems probable.

The whole England team has done well in the Union with spinbowler Jenkins, the all-round left-hander Watkins, and George Mann, as captain, proving unexpectedly successful.

The batting has been very sound and the fielding exceptionally fine. The bowling has been the weak part of the team but that is an international malady not confined to the English team alone.

South Africa is suffering from it and so are the Indians and the West Indian Test sides. Today the world over, with Australia excepted, the bowling is not strong enough to force a victory without the aid of the weather, which is not in England's favor.

The causes are various but the fact remains that this is so as the scores prove.

An interesting national ranking list is given by the News Chronicle writer, Crawford Smith, who is a cricketing expert of no mean ability, having played in Lancashire League cricket.

He says that having seen all the Test sides in action, he ranks Australia first, England second, the West Indies third, South Africa fourth and India fifth (not having seen the New Zealanders in action he does not rank them).

The Indians will probably not subscribe to the view that they should be put below South Africa and doubtless the West Indies might think they should go above England after the manner they gave the MCC touring side last winter.

INTERESTING POINT

An interesting point has arisen over England's dramatic two-wicket win at Durban just on time in the first Test against South Africa. Some keen cricket students in England are saying that strictly the match should have been a draw if, as Clive Gladwin is reported to have stated, he decided to stop the last ball with his thigh and run.

Former Test umpire Fred Root says that he for one would have declared the last run void had he been operating. It's an interesting point but for those who may have been on the Test the umpires operating allowed the run so it they last they must pay up and look pleasant and if they backed England they can still draw their money.

The popularity of this English touring side is beyond doubt, which is extremely pleasing to the South African cricket authorities for they are getting gates beyond their wildest dreams. From the three Tests already played, more than £35,000 has been taken.

It's a different story for the Englishmen whose fine play earns them only an intangible reward. The gate returns do not affect them at all, for, under the terms of the tour, the South Africans take all the financial risks and, after expenses are paid, collect all the profit.

All the Englishmen get is £450 for the tour, which after pay and tax is paid at nine shillings in the pound, amounts to something like £250. There has been some saving as the players are getting £50 monthly of their wages as expenses during the tour, but even so their pay is very poor when one considers that the Australians charged nearly £1,000 each for their visit to England last year.

The players are said to be finding their wages insufficient for their own expenses and having in many cases to keep a wife and children at home.

It is believed that the South African Cricket Association may come forward with an offer of a substantial bonus for the Englishmen in view of the success of the tour. It is also understood that the

Rugby League International

Marseilles, Jan. 9.—Injuries were frequent in a hard game and the players of both sides were once called together and warned by the referee about rough play in today's Rugby League International in which Australia defeated France by 20 points to 10.

A section of the crowd of 17,000 resented the heavy tackling of the Australians in the second half, in which some brilliant play was seen. Pygwin (two), Gibb, Hall, McMahon, de Bellin and O'Connell with tries, and Fromme, three goals and a penalty, scored for Australia.

Cause and Negrier scored tries for France, which were converted by Gomez.—Reuter.

McKenley Faces Suspension

Newark, N.J., Jan. 9.—Herb McKenley, world's record holder for the 400 metres run, faces suspension by the Amateur Athletic Union for alleged failure to live up to a promise to race in Australia.

Dick Hudson, Secretary of the New Jersey AAU, said he has a letter from National Secretary Dan Ferris requesting the New Jersey section suspend McKenley, pending "satisfactory explanation" of his action.

Hudson said the suspension would be carried out on Monday. Ferris' letter said in part: "McKenley accepted an invitation on behalf of the Australia AAU to compete in Australia on January 15 and 16.

One of the conditions was that he arrive in Australia before January 8. A reservation was made for him to fly from San Francisco along with Lloyd La Beach on January 2."

McKenley is still in this country.—Associated Press.

Fanny Koen May Retire

Sydney, Jan. 8.—The Olympic star and world famous Dutch athlete, Mrs. Fanny Blankers Koen, will probably retire from athletics next year, her husband told a Press conference that the couple jointly held to-day.

Fanny said that she would like to have more children.

They arrived here yesterday and will train here before Mrs. Koen runs in athletic events at Melbourne on January 21, Adelaide on January 26, Perth on January 29, and in Sydney on February 5 and 12.—Reuter.

KOREAN SPEED SKATERS

Melo, Jan. 9.—Two Korean speed skaters, Ilyo Chang Lee and Chang Nam Pyun, took part in a two days' international speed skating contest which ended today, but it was merely for training purposes and they did not achieve anything outstanding.

The contest was won by Kees Brookman, of The Netherlands, who won three of the four races.—Reuter.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

Preparations For The Home International

London, Jan. 9.—England and Scotland, who meet in what is perhaps the most attractive of the "home" sector Internationals at Wembley on April 9 are both taking steps to give their near-International players thorough tests.

Bearing in mind that two teams are required to tour the Continent in May, the England selectors may take the unusual course of holding a private trial between two teams of potential Internationals.

Twenty-six players may be called upon to take part in the trial, which would be staged late in March after the semi-finals of the Football Association Cup had been played.

It is hoped that from the trial a full England XI would emerge for the Continental tour which involves matches in Sweden, Norway and France and a "B" team which would play matches in Finland and Holland.

Scotland, in the happy position of having beaten Wales and Ireland, are hoping to arrange a trial with the Army side and are willing to come to England to play the match.

The suggested venue is Newcastle and the date sometime in February. The match would give Scotland the opportunity of trying out some of her shadow-team men in representative football and at the same time afford the Army XI with the necessary match practice and prepare them for matches against the Royal Air Force on March 6, the Royal Navy on March 16, the French Army on March 24 and the Belgian Army on April 6.

SOLD OUT

All tickets for the England-Scotland match have been sold, according to the Football Association. It is understood that the tickets have been distributed in the same manner as the Cup Final tickets, that is, "only through County Associations and clubs in full membership with the Football Association."

Such a method of distribution gives rise to comment for the Cup Final system has been much criticised in the past. To employ the same method for such a popular international means that many of football's true followers—the man on the terrace—will not be able to see the match.

This is the first time that tickets for the fixture have been dealt with in this way but, whatever the conditions on that day and on Cup Final day, the Wembley Stadium is certain to be full and receipts will be about £60,000.—Reuter.

Soccer's Top Attraction

London, Jan. 8.—Manchester United, the only club in the English League without a servicable ground to call their own, have been the famous Arsenal from the position of soccer's number one attraction.

Unbeaten in their last 12 League matches, the United are now making a determined bid to follow up their F.A. Cup success of last April by winning the league title.

Their great run has swept them into fourth place, only 10 points behind the leaders, Tottenham, and their crowd pulling powers are shown by the fact that on three recent occasions, they have attracted crowds of over 60,000 to the grounds they visited.

With their own ground, which was wrecked by Hitler's bombs during the war, the United are forced to rely on "charity."

Their near neighbours, Manchester City, took them in after the war and played them at Maine Road, but the City recently announced a desire to terminate this arrangement.

The United hope it will not be long before they are back in their old home.

The secret of Manchester United's brilliance is their team work. Not one player is an individual and each forward in his thrustful attack is goal scorer, able to switch position with a colleague as the play develops.

Their back division too is extremely sound. In their international full-backs, Johnny Haynes, trained and Johnny Aston of England, they possess one of the strongest club tandem in the whole of England.

A great struggle between the United and Portsmouth can be expected between now and the end of the season. It may well be that everything will depend on the very last day of the season on May 7, for on that day the United are at "home" to Portsmouth.—Reuter.

AUSTRIANS TOO GOOD FOR MALTA

Malta, Jan. 9.—The Austrian football team, Rapide, won the seventh and final match of their tour of Malta by defeating a representative Malta Football Association side by three goals to one to-day.

Rapide won all their seven matches, scoring a total of 34 goals, and conceding only seven.—Reuter.

LOS ANGELES OPEN GOLF

Clayton Haefner Takes The Lead

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—Clayton Haefner of Charlotte, North Carolina, shot a two over par (75) today for a 54-hole total of 217 to take the lead among early finishers in the third round of the Los Angeles Golf Open.

A strong wind boosted scores as players trudged over the course. Haefner, who finished 10th among the pros last year with money winnings of US\$13,202, was followed by Jim Ferrier, whose 75 today gave him a 219 total.

Craig Wood, Vic Ghersi, Jimmy Ukanaka, of Hilo, Hawaii, who posted 76 today, and Jim Turney, who got 72 today, had totals of 222.—United Press.

Stretcher Parade

By "RECORDER"

The game between the Koreans and a Hongkong XI played at Caroline Hill yesterday will long be remembered for the fact that it was only half a game of football.

The Hongkong XI, with the exception of no more than a handful of the team, did not play football. As the telegraph showed the Koreans leading by four goals to two with 25 minutes to go, an old Hongkong footballer remarked "I wish it was 0-2." Some could well have wished that it was 12-2.

A curious feature of the game was that the only player to be really seriously injured—Soong Ling-sing the Hongkong left-half, who had his leg broken in two places, was not deliberately fouled.

Rare on comment, the star product of Hongkong football, Lee Wal-tong, remarked: "If the Hongkong team had played football, they would have won."

Even without further comment from Mr Lee, this alone spoke worlds.

Coneh Eric Keen, also a personality who weighs his words, merely said: "If I had chosen the team to play the Koreans, I would have picked fewer Chinese."

Asked if he had considered the Koreans rough, Mr Keen replied: "Not rough. Robust would be the word. I can't say that in any of the four games they have played here they have permitted themselves any play that was not clean."

One kept wondering throughout the game that at least two of the worst offenders were not sent off the field. The explanation probably lay in the fact that the Chinese crowd would have taken objection. One keeps wondering even more why some of the players who represented Hongkong yesterday were ever selected.

Of the five Koreans now on the injured list—some recovered since last Sunday—all are crooked as a result of two or three offenders only, against the rules of football. Only referees and officials with the poorest of eyesight could fail to pick them out.

West Indies Win

Jamshedpur, Jan. 9.—The West Indies beat the Bihar Governor's XI by an innings and 88 runs.

West Indies fielded substitutes for Goddard, who was resting, and Weekes, who had a cold.

At lunch, Bihar had scored 180 for eight wickets.—Reuter.

THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

SENIOR SHIELD

| | | | |
|--|---|--------------|---|
| Army | 3 | St. Joseph's | 4 |
| Eastern | 3 | Kilchee | 6 |
| Police | 3 | Club | 1 |
| (S. China "A" and "B" match postponed) | | | |

JUNIOR SHIELD

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|---|
| Chinese Ath. | 3 | South China | 4 |
| K.M.B. | 6 | Navy | 1 |
| Taikoo | 0 | Dockyard | 3 |
| Tramways | 3 | Solictors | 1 |

FIRST DIVISION

| | | | |
|-----------|---|--------------|---|
| Navy | 5 | Kwong Wah | 1 |
| Army (HK) | 2 | Club | 3 |
| P.C.A. | 1 | St. Joseph's | 0 |

SECOND DIVISION

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| Army | 3 | University | 0 |
| Recreio | 2 | Civil Service | 0 |
| RAF | 2 | Dutch HC | 0 |
| Dockyard RC | 2 | C & W | 1 |
| Khalas | 2 | Navy | 1 |
| Police | 4 | YMCA | 0 |

HOCKEY

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| Army | 3 | University | 0 |
| Recreio | 2 | Civil Service | 0 |
| RAF | 2 | Dutch HC | 0 |
| Dockyard RC | 2 | C & W | 1 |
| Khalas | 2 | Navy | 1 |
| Police | 4 | YMCA | 0 |

HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Recreio | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 23 | 43 |
| Army | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 47 | 10 | 39 |
| Navy | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 14 | 38 |
| Khalas | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 17 | 37 |
| Police | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| University | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 24 | 13 |
| RAF | 13 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 21 | 11 |
| Civil Service | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 28 | 31 | 9 |
| Dutch HC | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 9 |
| C & W | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 40 | 6 |
| Dockyard RC | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 4 |
| YMCA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 42 | 2 |

RUGBY

| | | | |
|------|----|--------------|---|
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| Club | 20 | RAF & Police | 0 |

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Freak Switch, Bid Make Grand Slam.

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THERE is an interesting article, entitled "Indicative Conversation," by Robert Boseray of Sterling, Ill., in the September issue of The Bridge World. The conversation that goes with the game at the average bridge table really is a part of the game. A shrewd player may sometimes take advantage from the conversation. Of course, in tournament play, no conversation pertaining to a hand is permitted. In Mr. Boseray's article he tells us about a game in which North and East were completing the bid. The poor cards they continually held. That line of conversation often leads to the remark, "I'll trade hands with you, if you think yours is so bad." That is what happened in this case, and the hand is shown as it was after the exchange of the East and North hands was completed.

When South opened the bidding with a forcing two-bid, North felt sure he had the better of the deal. He had given up the king of diamonds, but he had the queen in place of it, and the queen should trap the king. But better than that, he had five of his partner's suit.

It came as a shock to South when his partner jumped to six clubs. There was no use in bidding six hearts, because very likely North would then bid seven clubs. Hoping to scare North out of bidding seven, South elected to bid six trumps.

West doubled, and South was amazed to hear his partner redouble. Had the conversation not led everyone to believe that neither North nor East had any cards?

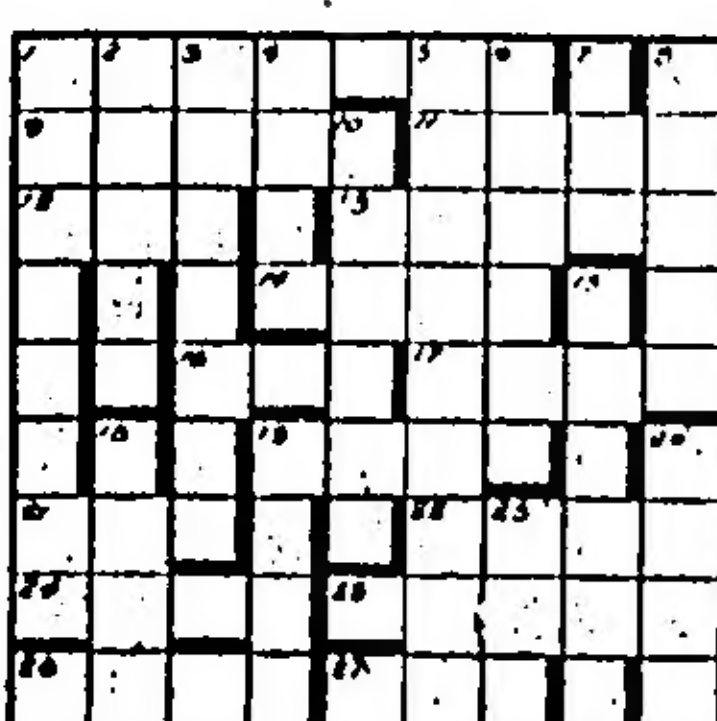
West took into consideration South's original two-club bid and made the standard opening of the jack of spades. Declarer went up with dummy's queen. When it held the trick, the queen of diamonds was played, trapping East's king. Declarer made seven-half because poor West found himself in a pseudo-squeeze. He was trying to hold the king of spades and king-queen of clubs and at trick 11 he had to get down to two cards. By mistake he threw away the queen of clubs. Declarer's ace then captured the king and the jack of clubs made the 13th trick.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the last Hapsburg ruler of Austria.
2. Is the speed of the earth's rotation constant or does it change?
3. Where was the painter Rembrandt born?
4. What country leads the world in the mining of palladium?
5. What two colours are combined to make orange?
6. Name the highest rank of angels.

(Answers on Column 3)

CROSSWORD



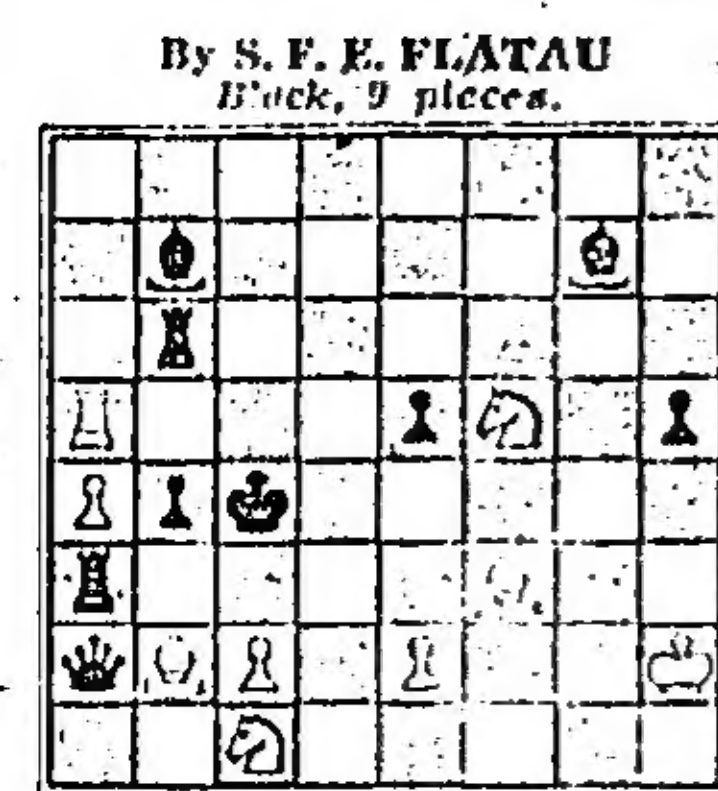
- 1 and 6. It may apply to a sandwich, but more likely an omnibus.
2. This rate is the salt of an acid.
3. A ship may sail in but not in this kitchen unit.
4. It's on the outside.
5. Den of a thief.
6. Carefree.
7. Medicinal plant.
8. Down.
9. You do not appear this here.
10. The insect world it's a trap.

- 1 and 2. She's the one to rid cleaning.
3. It may bring tears to your eyes.
4. Acceptance.
5. Pronounce very distinctly.
6. See Across.
7. You'll find it at the end of any dead.
8. See Across.
9. Intimidate, but do return to the hands.
10. Water receptacle.
11. 6th grade no walking.
12. They are named from native professions.
13. It's really underneath.

DUMB BELLS



CHESS PROBLEM



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B-B6, any; 2. R, or Kt mates.

AROUND THE WORLD:

Picturesque Aran Islands

By TEMPLE MANNING

WHENEVER we are asked to name places where one can really get away from it all, without becoming a beachcomber or going native in any way, we always suggest the islands off the Irish coast. Even The Aran Islands have kept their beautiful simplicity despite their introduction to the world through a great movie. We know many "collectors" of these lovely little islands, and they find it hard put to name their favourite. Aran, Tory Island, Achill, Clare, Inishboffin, Inishmore, the Skelligs, the Blaskets, Saltree, every one of them is lovely and, as befits their nationality, highly original, each happily peculiar unto itself.

Achill Island, connected to the mainland by a bridge, is one of the best known of the islands, and because of its proximity to the coast, the most thickly populated. Of late years it has become a mecca for artists drawn there from all parts of the world, to record some of the most beautiful scenery and colouring imaginable.

Enchanting Atmosphere

Despite its thickly settled villages and its nearness to the coast, Achill still preserves an air of detachment, and an enchanting atmosphere. For instance, there is a hotel in the lovely village of Keel that started out as a thatched cottage, but that has kept its essential simplicity as it has become more pretentious, and which has been furnished with an understanding of colour that many a snooty interior decorator would be proud to possess. But then the island is full of colour!



Cliffs along the coast of Achill Island.

A walk along the cliffs to Achill head offers about everything in the way of exquisite scenery. The cliffs are some 700 feet high with the Atlantic rolling up against the rocks. On the south side is the panorama created by the Mianu Cliffs and Clare Island, with the Mayo Mountains in the distance. On the north side is massive Croaghnam Mountain, which rises from the sea a straight, sheer, 2,000 feet.

Facing Keel is a wonderful spot, Cathedral Rocks, where the sea has worn the cliffs into wonderful arches that strangely resemble the architecture of a Gothic church. To reach this spot one passes along the beautiful strand of Keel, more than a mile long, where cliffs of boulder clay rise to over 100 feet high.

Lovely Beach

On the north of the island is a gem of a village, Dugort, with a lovely beach, nestled under Slieve-more Mountain, over 2,200 feet in height. There is Keem Bay, surrounded by cliffs. Old Slieve-more Village is deserted in the winter because of the severe gales which dash against the mountain side. In the summer it is quite lively, and a favourite spot with painters and photographers.

Wild life abounds, and there are mountain sheep, mountain goats and hares in plenty. We were told that some of the mountain goats have to be trapped because of their propensity for stealing salmon out of the nets. We don't blame them, for their salmon it would be difficult to find!

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"IN case they might feel jaded after their journey," four passengers by plane from Jamaica were given oysters and champagne on landing. "They" were not baby film stars or nomad politicians or itinerant beauty queens, but turtles.

"The very rats in the wainscoting of supersonic jet rockets will expect peacocks' liver in aspic and Richbourg before we know where we are," said an official. But as we don't know where we are, vague is galore!

Freddy Fungus

AN indignant letter from Hogwash informs me that Freddy is 15 months old, not five, as I said. Hogwash says that the idea of a star of five months would be absurd. "As it is, Freddy is on the young side, but a special vehicle is being scripted for him." Special shots of Freddy playing with a woolen horse are so "realistic," an aide told, that nobody would suspect the consummate art that goes to the acting of the little scene where the boy chews the horse's right leg.

Plot for a play

AN educated gentleman's hat, blown 40 miles inland during a recent storm, was sent back to the coast by train. The storm was still raging when the town clerk handed it to the owner, who put it on. He was signing a receipt when the hat blew off again. It was recovered 28 miles inland. The owner met all the trains up till midnight, but the hat had been sent in the wrong direction, and was taken to the lost property office at a small junction, where a porter cut off the crown to make a black cat for his tiny godson. The hat was used for plugging a hole in the door of the lamp-room. The owner bought a new hat and married beneath him.

Good news

ASKED what had become of the 40 million tons of resin ordered by mistake, C. Sust, Esq., said, "It was intended to import resin as a preservative for frozen egg-dust. By a departmental error resin appeared as resin. The resin will be used instead."

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

BORN today, you have a keen sense for business and should be able to accumulate a comfortable fortune quite early in life. If you give your full attention to the job. Since your interests are somewhat divided, there may be a struggle within yourself between strict commercialism and the following of one of the arts, for which you probably have a temperamental preference. Make your choice in youth and stick to it.

Old Oak Tree

And then, for the first time, Knarf and Handi noticed that, standing beside the great old oak was a stump of a small tree.

Knarf and Handi slipped quietly away and returned to the playroom without saying a word. And the next morning, when they woke up, the first thing they looked for was the hobby horse. And there he was, standing quietly in his corner, just where he always stood. But when Knarf and Handi looked at his legs, they saw bits of grass on it.

Then they knew they hadn't been dreaming. The hobby horse hadn't just run away. He had gone back to the place where he was born, and where his old mother still lived.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

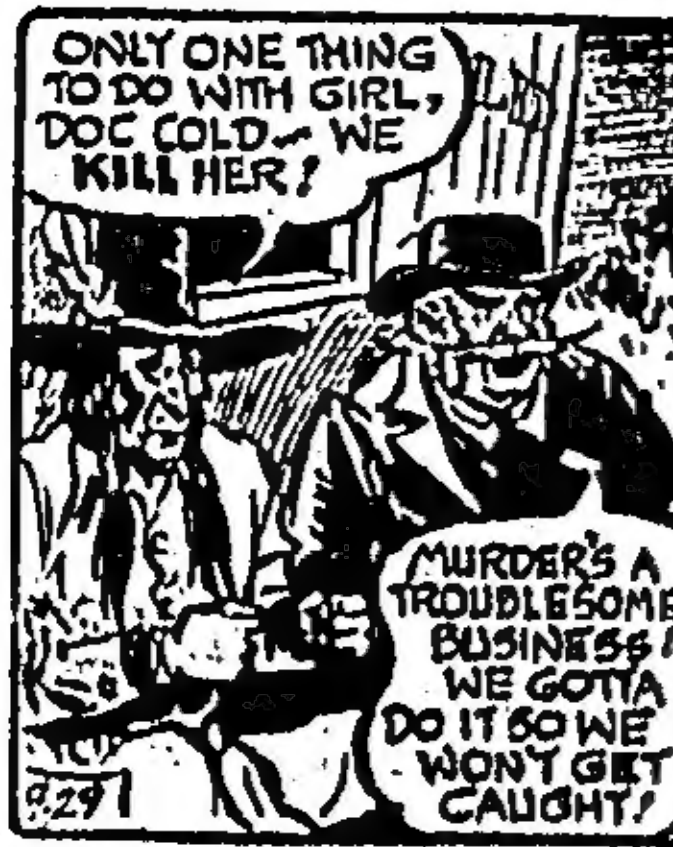
Answers

1. The Emperor Karl who succeeded his uncle Franz Joseph in 1916 and died in exile in 1922.
2. It is gradually slowing down at the rate of one one-hundred-thousandth of a second a year.
3. Amsterdam, Holland.
4. Canada.
5. Red and yellow.
6. Archangel.

RED RYDER

Debate on Life

By Fred Harman



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Rigid Import-Export Controls In P.I.

Manila, Jan. 8.—The Philippines government has clamped rigid import and export controls on the country's economy for the calendar year 1949.

U.S. Has More Milled Rice For Export

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Agricultural Department today said that exportable supplies of milled rice for delivery in 1949 were expected to total about 4,400,000 short tons, which is about 440,000 tons more than in 1948, but a small total compared to the 8,700,000-ton average of 1936-40.

The Department said the increased supply was the result of increased production and unexported stocks in Asia. It recalled that the United States had a near-record crop and that Burma's rice exports in 1948 totalled 1,350,000 tons milled, compared with 3,300,000 tons before the war.

The Department said Indonesian palm oil production was expected to reach between 121,000 and 132,000 tons in 1949. It said palm acreage increased steadily in the Indonesian Federal district during 1948 and palm oil and kernel exports increased steadily during the year.

The greatest handicap to increased production was labour shortage and new milling equipment and transport facilities were needed, according to the Department.—United Press.

The import control order limits luxury and non-essential goods brought into the Philippines. Its purpose is to conserve the republic's dollar assets and to encourage local industries to make substitutes for the limited products.

Official sources have estimated that cuts in the imports of luxury and non-essential goods will total \$45,000,000 for the year. A control list will be announced later. It is expected to contain a complete import ban on cigars and laundry soap. The limitation will cover, to some extent, jewelry, cars, radios, and even oranges and nuts.

The export controls prohibit the shipment out of the Philippines of certain scarce products needed locally. These include, among other items—building materials, agricultural implements, medical supplies, certain foodstuffs, shoes, electrical equipment, chemical products, and some metals.—United Press.

War Goods Sale In Australia

Sydney, Jan. 8.—Limitation of dollar purchases in the United States has greatly increased the revenue from the sale of surplus war goods. Mr. W. Sumner, of the Commonwealth Disposals Commission, reports.

Restriction of the importation of motor spare parts made bidding at the government auctions brisk, with over \$3,000,000 being realised last year, Mr. Sumner said.

Buyers at a recent sale of second-hand cars held by the Commission in Melbourne paid high prices for American cars. Typical prices were \$1,000 for a 1941 Oldsmobile and \$1,472 for a Pontiac truck.

From September 1944, when the Commission began its work, to the end of this year the sales of surplus war goods had amounted to about 416 million dollars.—United Press.

Fish Freezing Soon In India

New York, Jan. 8.—The early months of 1949 will see the completion of India's first fish-freezing plants, according to a spokesman of the American firm which is supplying the refrigeration equipment.

Nineteen ammonia compressors are being shipped to the Dominion to staff four widely separated freezing projects. Five of the machines are for the pilot plant in Bombay; six will go to Travancore State for use in the Trivandrum plant; four each will be used in units in Mangalore and Bepore states.

The first two projects are State-supported, the latter privately sponsored. It is planned that individuals will take the plants from Government control once adequate tests have been given.

A representative of the supplying firm said that 80 percent of the order was on the way to India by early December.

Both refrigeration experts and government officials anticipate that the new units will begin an industry which may solve some of the Dominion's food problems.—United Press.

US Reciprocal Trade

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Truman, in a letter to Mr. Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and to Mr. Robert Doughton, Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, today requested speedy action for the re-enactment of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act, extending the measure until June, 1951.

Mr. Truman said prompt action was necessary because negotiations will start in April to extend to 13 other countries the 1947 general agreement on tariffs and trade reached by the United States and 22 nations.—United Press.

Tin Allocations

London, Jan. 8.—The Ministry of Supply announced today the interim allocations of 26,740 tons of tin metal for the first half of 1949, made by the Combined Tin Committee.

The allocations were: Australia 230 tons; Canada 1,770 tons; Denmark 200 tons; Egypt 70 tons; Finland 110 tons; France 4,540 tons; India 1,830 tons; Norway 180 tons; Switzerland 300 tons; The United States 19,000 tons; Yugoslavia 300 tons and other countries 150 tons.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$115,000.00. Transactions and noon prices were:

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| BANKS | | | |
| HSBC Bank | 1700 | 1820 | 1 1/2 1820 |
| East Asia | | 142 | |
| INSURANCES | | | |
| Union | | 720 | |
| DOCKS, ETC. | | | |
| K. Wharf (O) | 130 | | |
| K. Wharf (N) | 123 | | |
| PROVIDENT | | 20 | |
| LAND, ETC. | | | |
| HK Hotel | 1520 | 1540 | 500 @ 1520 |
| HK Land | 60 | 60 1/2 | |
| Swat Land | 320 | 353 | 2500 @ 311 |
| Really | 2 | 2000 | 2 @ 200 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Tram | 20 | 20 1/2 | |
| Star Ferry | 123 1/2 | | 500 @ 1450 |
| C. Light (XDR) | 1470 | 15 | 500 @ 1470 |
| C. Light (Rts) | 10 | | 500 @ 1400 |
| Electric | 37 | 38 1/2 | 100 @ 37 1/2 |
| Maroon Electric | 28 1/2 | | 200 @ 28 1/2 |
| INDUSTRIALS | | | |
| Cement | 41 | 550 | 40 @ 250 |
| STONES | | | |
| Rope | 19.60 | | |
| Dairy (O) | | 45 | |
| Dairy (New) | | 44 1/2 | |
| Water (O) | 60 | | |
| Watson (N) | 56 1/2 | 58 1/2 | |
| COTTONS | | | |
| Euro | 0 | 10 | 900 @ 0 1/2 |

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
Sterling pound note (per £1) ... 15.33
U.S. dollar (per \$1) ... 0.31
Gold bars (per troy ounce) ... 303.37
FIC plastic (per 100) ... 2.50
Siam (per 100) ... 24.50
NEI guilders (per 100) ... 24.00
Gold Yuan ... 359

